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*Four strikers give
their views on
the big danger to
their careers*

WHAM! Liverpool and Scotland star Kenny Dalglish in a spot of bother against Birmingham City. In the background is Blues' Tony Towers.

THEY GO IN WHERE IT HURTS

Target men are paid to get goals. Unfortunately, they also often get injured in the process. Rarely do they ever complete a season as an ever-present. We asked four of the men who are themselves targets — of hard-tackling defenders — to give us their views on the most hazardous, but glamorous, job in the game.

'I COME OFF KNOWING I'VE BEEN IN A BATTLE'
— Joe Jordan, Man. United

JOE Jordan reckons it would be impossible for him to get through a season as an ever-present for his team. The risks in his role are too great.

The Scottish striker is one of the bravest target men in the game, which is why Manchester United were willing to part with £350,000 to get him from Leeds.

Says Jordan: "I've never completed a full season of games yet and I doubt if I ever will. With so many competitions now, there isn't so much time to recover from knocks, and you're bound to get plenty in my position.

"I know a lot of target men have gone out of the game at an early age, but I wouldn't like to think that strikers have got a shorter life expectancy in football than anyone else. I'm only young and looking forward to a long career.

"Of course you don't go out deliberately to get hurt. As a target man, you know it's more than likely you'll end up with a few lumps and bruises.

"It's a physical game. I often come off knowing I've been in a battle, if you know what I mean, but feeling great for it. It's just part

'ONCE YOU LOSE AGGRESSION, YOU'RE FINISHED' —
Bill Garner, Chelsea

BILL Garner always regrets being a target man when he wakes up on Sunday mornings. Says the big Chelsea striker:

"That's when all the bruises come out from the previous day's match.

"I ache from the neck downwards on Sundays. I usually have a long lie-in in bed to let my body come round and then I soak in the bath to ease the pain.

"Of all the players on the park, the target man is the one who's probably the sorest the day after a game.

"But it will always be the same. We have to go in where it hurts. And when you're playing for most of the match with your back to goal, you can't see what's going on behind you.

"If someone takes a lunge at you when you're facing the goal you've a chance to take evasive action. But in our position, there's no chance unless you've got eyes in the back of your head.

Bill Garner (dark strip) in action v. Ipswich at Stamford Bridge this term.



of the job.

"I suppose shins suffer the most. I always wear shin-pads but apart from them, I don't have any special protection. I know Mick Jones at Leeds used to wear specially-made boots with high ankle padding.

"A couple of seasons ago, I was out for a while with a pulled muscle in my back, but apart from that, I've not suffered any serious injuries from playing up-front."

Jordan doesn't ask for any special treatment for target men. He's one of those silent hard men who believes in giving as good as he gets without belly-aching. Strangely enough, the worst injury he's had is a groin strain which kept him out for eight months.



West Brom's John Wile (number 5) tussles with United's Joe Jordan during their F.A. Cup battle recently.

"People might think I'm crazy because I never wear shin-pads. I find them a bit restricting. I just wear a piece of gauze over the calves, which doesn't stop you getting injured but it restricts the bleeding.

"I suppose the backs of the legs are the places you get kicked most. You always get scars on the eyes and lumps on the head at some stage but you don't think anything of them.

"I've never got through a full season without a few injuries and it's probably true target men have restricted careers. Towards the end, you find people don't go in where the stick's flying.

"They can't take it anymore because they know injuries are going to take longer to heal, and once a target man loses his aggression, he's finished.

"Maybe we are worth more money than the other players, but then no one makes us do it. And goalkeepers can take a lot of punishment, too.

"I'd love to be a back-four player and be facing upfield for 80 per cent of the game. And it would be great to be able to hand out the stick for a change, instead of being on the receiving end."

Garner was playing superbly for Chelsea this season until — yes — he was injured and had to drop out of the side. And, as he's found, getting back in again isn't very easy.

'DEFENDERS ARE GOING TO KICK YOU' —

Bob Latchford, Everton

BOB Latchford has paid the price on the treatment table since becoming a £350,000 target man in 1974. That's what Everton paid to lure him away from Birmingham — and he immediately became a marked man.

Says Bob: "This is my fourth season at Goodison and — touch wood — this is the first one I haven't suffered a serious injury.

"Last season I had a bad ankle injury just before our F.A. Cup Semi-Final with Liverpool and I only played three more games after that.

"In the other seasons I suffered from a very bad thigh pull which kept me out for six weeks and a cartilage operation.

"As a target man, you've got to accept defenders are going to kick you and it's no good being frightened or trying to get out of the way. Someone's going to catch you somewhere along the line.

"Your knees, ankles and the backs of your legs are the areas that get kicked the most. It's rare for me to come off the field without a few bruises and cuts.

"The demands on a target man are very high, both in the physical punishment you have to take, and the amount of running demanded of you to make chances for others.

"It's difficult to say whether we suffer much more than other players. Certainly all the knocks start to take their toll as strikers get past 30.

"You can't go on forever getting knocked about, and with your back to goal most of the time, you're obviously going to get hurt.

"People always say it's easier at the back and I'd like to find out sometime. I'm not intending to switch just yet.

"I'm aiming to get 30 goals this season, which is the best way I can think of to get my own back on defenders. If I manage that, all the knocks will have been worthwhile."



Bob Latchford of Everton (left) shrugs off this challenge from West Ham's Frank Lampard.



Mick Ferguson (left) of Coventry uses an arm to stop Arsenal's Willie Young from getting the ball.

'OUR TYPE WILL ALWAYS BE AROUND' — Mick Ferguson, Coventry

MICK Ferguson sometimes comes off at the end of a game with a blinding headache.

Says the six-foot plus Coventry striker: "When you go up to challenge for a ball, it's a favourite trick of centre-halves to nut you in the back of the head — accidentally on purpose.

"If you get a few nasty ones like that in a game, you end up with quite a headache."

Ferguson only earned a permanent first team place last season but he's already had his share of injury, mainly on the ankles.

"It's terrible when you get injured and you have to mope about on the sidelines while the other lads are preparing for a game. You feel really left out.

"You learn to accept that. I think the backs of my legs suffer most. I could wear pads there to protect me but I think they'd be uncomfortable.

"When I first started, big men

up-front were just known as strikers. Now we are target men and the role has changed slightly.

"Fortunately, we're still there to score goals, which I love doing, but just as important is taking defenders away to make room for some of the other lads to get through. And that often means getting hurt.

"I get a fair amount of knocks and on Sunday mornings my back and legs are so stiff I don't feel like doing anything.

"It's a heavy price to pay yet I wouldn't swap my job for a place at the back. I get much more satisfaction from scoring and making goals than I would from stopping them.

"I get over kicks pretty quickly — some of the worst ankle trouble I had last season was simply from going over on hard grounds.

"Despite the punishment, us big lads up-front are still going strong and I think our type will always be around in British soccer."

**Preview of the England v Italy
European Championship
Under-21 international, to be
played at Maine Road, Manchester,
on Wednesday, March 8th.**

ANOTHER WIN FOR SEXTON'S SHARPSHOOTERS?

AS ENGLAND fans enviously watch Scotland's World Cup progress, next week Ron Greenwood's team of youngsters have the chance to turn the spotlight back on to the famous white shirts.

England's Under-21 side takes on Italy in the juniors' European Championship, and while no one would suggest this competition is of great stature, its importance cannot be minimised.

Hopefully, Greenwood will see his young stars do as well against the Italians as the seniors did at Wembley last November, when England beat Italy 2-0.

That World Cup-tie result could not save England in the tournament and the Italians eventually won through to Argentina on goal-difference.

By coincidence, the Italy Under-21 side qualified from their group in the juniors' European Championship on goal-difference, too, as the table shows.

The England Under-21 team, headed by Dave Sexton (now joined by Terry Venables), is crammed with potential full England stars.

Mind you, the team hasn't really been tested yet, as it qualified with ease. The fact so many goals were scored by the eager-to-impress youngsters is most encouraging, but playing Finland or Norway is not the same as playing Italy.

No Italian side, at any level, is

easy to beat. Goals will be hard to come by against the traditional defensive policy adopted by Italy, despite the promise of manager Azeglio Vicini that "we'll attack." Such promises have been heard before...

The Italians point out it was the number of goals scored in their qualifying ties that enabled them to reach this stage. They defeated Portugal in a decisive game at Vicenza by four goals to one.

The star of the Italian side is Paolo Rossi, who usually wears the number seven shirt, and it is his goals that have enabled his club, Lannerosi of Vicenza, to have their best-ever season.

Lannerosi are a small club and don't usually challenge the "giants" of Turin or Milan in the Italian League.

The 21-year-old Rossi — who must give commentators headaches... "Rossi of Lannerosi" ... scored 21 goals in 36 games last season as the Vicenza club won promotion.

Now, they're "doing a Forest" and lie second in the First Division, with Rossi top scorer.

Earlier in his career Rossi played for Champions Juventus, yet they transferred him in October, 1975, to Como, also in Division One.

Rossi had never played for Juve's first team yet his move to Como wasn't exactly a success. He played just one full game and in all (as a sub) totalled 199 minutes' football in six matches.

At the beginning of last season Lannerosi snapped up Paolo and his goalscoring feats sent his value soaring to £1 million. Now, Rossi is reckoned to be worth £1.9 million and through a complicated agreement is "owned" by both his original club Juventus and Lannerosi.

Obviously England must keep a close watch on young Rossi, although his Italy manager Vicini is quick to point out "we have several other very talented players and possible match-winners in our side."

He continues: "Any match against a British team is difficult. There is a 50-50 chance for both sides."

All the ties are over two-legs so England will be looking for the accepted minimum of a two-goal lead to take to Italy.

The fire-power is there and under Dave Sexton the Under-21's have shown that if the seniors have trouble scoring goals... they don't.

Brighton's Peter Ward is the player most will look to for goals, having scored a hat-trick in his debut against Norway.

The midfield inspiration could come from Manchester City's 19-year-old Gary Owen playing on his home ground.

Ron Greenwood will be keeping a close eye on his youngsters with the seniors' European Championship qualifying ties starting later this year.

England may have failed to qualify for the World Cup, but there could still be plenty for them to cheer about this season.



ABOVE:

The Italian Under-21 side pictured earlier this season. Back row: Galli (Fiorentina), Manfredonia (Lazio), Canuti (Inter), Ogliari (Genoa), Cabrini (Juventus). Front row: Rossi (Vicenza), Agostinelli (Lazio), Restelli (Napoli), Giordano (Lazio), Garritano (Torino) and the captain Pecci (Torino).

LEFT:

Brighton and Hove Albion striker Peter Ward scored a hat-trick against Norway in September... here's one of his three goals.

DETAILS

FINLAND 0 ENGLAND 1

Middleton; Daniel, P. Futch, Sims, Peach; Reid, Owen, Williams; Cunningham (Rowell), Richards, Barnes.
Scorer: Peach.

NORWAY 1 ENGLAND 2

Middleton; Daniel, P. Futch (Haigh), Sims, Peach; Reid, Owen, Williams; Deehan, Richards (Cunningham), Barnes.

Scorers: Deehan, Barnes.

ENGLAND 6 NORWAY 0

Middleton; P. Hinshlewood, P. Futch, Sims, Peach; Williams, Owen; Cunningham, Ward, Deehan, Barnes.

Scorers: Ward 3, Deehan 2, Barnes.

ENGLAND 8 FINLAND 1

Bradshaw; Daniel, P. Futch, Sims, Statham; Reid, Owen (Hodde); Cunningham, Deehan, Woodcock, Barnes (Rix).

Scorers: Woodcock 3, Deehan 2, Sims, Daniel (pen.), Cunningham.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Denmark	4	2	1	1	10	5	5
Poland	4	2	0	2	7	10	4
Sweden	4	1	1	2	6	8	3

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Italy	4	3	0	1	13	3	6
Portugal	4	3	0	1	7	5	6
L'bourg	4	0	0	4	2	14	0

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DDR	4	3	1	0	13	3	7
Turkey	4	1	2	1	5	8	4
Austria	4	0	1	3	5	12	1

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bulgaria	4	3	1	0	5	2	7
Belgium	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
France	4	0	2	2	4	6	2

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
England	4	4	0	0	17	2	8
Norway	4	2	0	2	6	9	4
Finland	4	0	0	4	2	14	0

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Czech.	4	2	1	1	7	2	5
Scotland	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Switz.	4	1	0	3	3	9	2

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Yugo.	4	3	0	1	9	3	6
Spain	4	2	0	2	5	8	4
Rumania	4	1	0	3	5	8	2

GROUP 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hungary	4	2	2	0	9	1	6
U.S.S.R.	4	2	1	1	5	1	5
Greece	4	0	1	3	1	13	1

QUARTER-FINALS DRAW:

Czechoslovakia/DDR
Yugoslavia/Hungary
Denmark/Bulgaria
England/Italy
(To be completed by April 10th)



HORTON: Hello, Willie. Nice to see you again, although this is a revenge mission for us because you were the first side to beat us in almost a year at the Goldstone Ground when you won 2-1 there in October.

MORGAN: Is that so? I didn't realise we ended such a fine record. The thing was, Brian, we had already planned to stay on in Brighton for a few days' golf after the match so we had to win at your place or it would have spoiled our putting. Also, your pitch was so fabulous — the best I'd seen in a long while — we couldn't help but play well.

HORTON: That's the trouble. Visiting sides see our pitch, and feel the atmosphere generated by our crowd and it's like the Cup Final for them and they end up playing above themselves. I thought Bolton were the best side we'd faced all season, though — and I've seen nothing since to make me change my mind.

MORGAN: Nice of you to say so. I thought we played well at your ground, too. You've always looked a good side when I've seen you on television but we were so on top of our game that day you were never able to show your best.

HORTON: The thing that impressed me was the way you played keep-ball, making it very hard for us to win it back once we'd lost it. I was talking to your Roy Greaves after the match and he was saying how the Burnden Park fans regard it as a defensive attitude and sometimes get frustrated.

MORGAN: Peter Ward impressed me with his performance that day. For him, it was probably a pretty quiet game but you could see he could play and I think he'll be a great player in the future. He turns very quickly and he does the unorthodox, which makes him a very hard player to mark.

HORTON: Peter Reid, of Bolton, isn't an easy fella to look after, either. I was marking him and thought I was doing well until he suddenly played a great one-two before hitting your first goal. In your present position, you must fancy yourselves to finally make it into Division One this season.

MORGAN: Yes, we're obviously very confident. We're in a great position again. Promotion is there for the taking and all we've got to do is take it. I know we've missed out the previous two seasons but this term, the players seem to be a little more relaxed. It's probably the experience we've gained over those two years. Anyway, I can't see us failing again.

HORTON: Nor can I. I think you deserve to go up after your previous near-misses. And talking about experience, Frank Worthington seems to have added to your side. I notice he has got a few important goals for you.

MORGAN: He has done very well, but then he is a top class player. The team as a whole have also shown the benefit of experience by staying cool in situations where they might have given way to panic

BIG MATCH

CROSS-TALK

BOLTON v BRIGHTON Saturday, March 4th

Bolton's Willie Morgan and Brighton's Brian Horton discuss the League game which could mean so much in the Second Division promotion stakes.



'A revenge mission'
— Brian Horton



'We're very confident'
— Willie Morgan



Brighton's Peter Ward on the ball against Bolton at the Goldstone Ground earlier this season.

in the last couple of seasons. On the subject of promotion, you must still fancy your chances of going up for a second successive season, Brian.

HORTON: I think we've got a great chance. We haven't adjusted our game at all this year — we still play three and sometimes four men up-front away from home — and yet we've been up near the top for most of the season. If someone had told us at the start that we'd still be in the promotion hunt at this stage I'd have been delighted. Now we are there, we've got to feel confident, although every game is like a Cup Final.

MORGAN: There could be quite a struggle for the third promotion spot, assuming Tottenham and ourselves fill the first two, which I believe we will. There are perhaps half a dozen sides still in with a chance of going up with us.

HORTON: I wouldn't count your chickens because I reckon all three promotion places are still wide open. I do fancy Bolton to make it, but it's very close at the top and Spurs still have to come to the Goldstone Ground, which could help us to close the gap.

MORGAN: I fancy Spurs, as I've said, but the best team we've faced this season is Southampton. They played us off the park at The Dell and yet somehow, we got away with a point. A real Dick Turpin job, that was. They've proved an easy touch for us in recent seasons, but now Lawrie McMenemy has really got them on their toes and working for each other.

HORTON: I don't think they're that good a side. Alan Ball is making them play. He is probably the most important single factor in their rise this season, although Chris Nicholl and Steve Williams are playing well, too.

MORGAN: Anyway, I don't care which other two teams go up as long as Bolton are one of the promotion trio this season. It means everything to me to get back into Division One. Our story so far this season has been much the same as in the last two years but this time, I'm hoping for a different ending.

HORTON: You talk about getting back to Division One. Before this season, I'd never even played in the Second before. But I'm getting a taste for the high life and I hope we'll be meeting again next term, Willie — in the First.

MORGAN: Look forward to it, Brian, though we'll be out to put a stop to your promotion hopes by taking both points on this occasion.

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Nick Bailey of Newton, Tewkesbury, in Gloucestershire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes;

FOLLOW JOE'S EXAMPLE

I'M tired of hearing people complain about Joe Jordan being an unsporting player. What a load of rubbish! Too many strikers moan about the "stick" they get from defenders, but the Manchester United star just lets them know who's boss. Because it's a forward who's being a bit physical he's considered "dirty".

If certain England players had Jordan's raw aggression they might have scored more goals against Italy at Wembley. Kevin Keegan did well, but with even more aggression the Italians would have thought twice about elbowing him in the face.

In Argentina everyone should watch out for Big Joe causing havoc in the defences of the so-called "hard case" nations.

● Jordan is a controversial, but effective player. It is a fact as we go to press he had more bookings than goals this season, which for a £350,000 striker is unusual. I also have a hunch that if Andy Gray is fully fit and gets back into the international scene, he'll be the man spearheading Scotland's attack in the World Cup Finals.

Work For SHOOT

I'VE just moved to this part of Ireland and went to the local shop to place a regular order for SHOOT. After doing this, I discovered only one copy was left of that week's issue.

As I had no money on me, I offered to work in the shop for an hour to "pay" for it. The owner was so impressed he gave me a regular job and I now pick up £7.50 every weekend.

NEIL O'BRIEN,
CO. CORK.

● There's a bonus of £1.50 on its way to you this week, Neil!

Pen-Pal

I'M a 17-year-old Dutch boy and I'd like to have pen-pals who support Everton and Ajax of Amsterdam.

IMAN V.D. BOSCHPAD 10,
HOOGULIET — ROTTERDAM,
NETHERLANDS.

Wrong Values

I TOTALLY disagree with some of your transfer values of the Scottish World Cup stars. Your valuations of the home-based Scots were pathetically low compared with the Anglos. How can Willie Donachie be worth the same as Danny McGrain?

ALAN REID,
EDINBURGH.

Willie Johnston is worth £250,000, not £160,000. Danny McGrain is a £500,000 player — and you were £60,000 out on your Gordon McQueen estimate.

BRENDAN SWEETMAN,
LUSK.



● Whether Scots like it or not, it's a fact of soccer life that playing in the English League improves Scottish players and therefore increases their value. We took into account the ages of the players concerned, so Johnston (above), who's 31, would hardly command a £250,000 fee now. Gordon McQueen? Everyone is entitled to his opinion, but we felt the total fee United paid — £495,000 — was inflated, great defender though he is.

Well Done, Gers

I IN THESE days of violence in soccer it is good to hear about the kind gesture of top Scottish club Rangers.

On hearing about the tragic death of Kilmarnock star forward Ian Falis, Rangers contacted Killie and offered the experience of Colin Stein on loan to help them through their problems.

Stein has been a hit and Killie are getting back on the map.

Although I'm a Hibernian fan, I won't begrudge Rangers the title because they have proved to me even at a vital time they could still spare a thought for others.

COLIN BROWN,
KINGUSSIE.

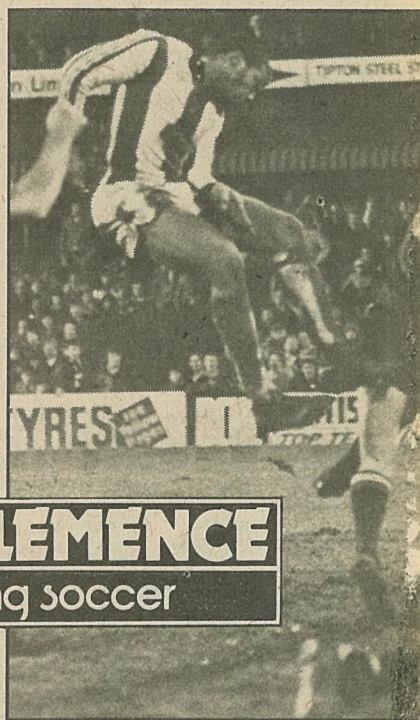
● Rangers deserve a medal for their kind gesture.

THIS Saturday, we're coming down to London on an important mission — to prove to the Chelsea team and their fans we are a far superior side to the one we looked on the day the Stamford Bridge Blues knocked us out of the F.A. Cup in the Third Round.

That 4-2 defeat still rankles with us, and rates as our worst performance by far this season. We were out-thought — and possibly worst of all, out-fought, too.

A hallmark of Liverpool's play has always been the ability to keep plugging away no matter how badly things are going against us, to put in maximum effort until the final whistle.

On that Saturday afternoon we were deservedly defeated by a side



RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer



that showed all the praiseworthy characteristics associated with Liverpool.

Our approach to the tie was completely wrong. We had beaten Chelsea twice already — in the League and League Cup — both times at Anfield, and they were without two of their strongest, most experienced players, Mickey Droy and Ray Wilkins.

At no time did we say to each other we were in for a certain win. But there was an unspoken acceptance the tie was a formality, that we were already through to the Fourth Round.

We paid dearly for that complacent attitude. Even after we conceded an early goal, when their young winger Clive Walker surprised me with a shot on the run that rocketed into the net, we abandoned our usual controlled football, concentrating on not conceding another goal and patiently waiting for a chance to equalise and take control.

Instead we started charging about, leaving dangerous gaps, and were lucky not to lose another goal

before we could get into our rhythm after the re-start, Chelsea hit us with another two quick goals. Dave Johnson pegged one back, Clive Walker got their fourth, and Kenny Dalglish scored our second before the nightmarish tie mercifully ended.

I suppose we'd had it coming to us. In a few games previously we had shown the same slack attitude and only just pulled ourselves out of it to get the required results.

All credit to Chelsea, and particularly the man of the match display by winger Walker. However, we know more about him now, are wise to his technique, and he will have to produce some new tricks if he's to shine against us on Saturday.

He's fast — I wouldn't care to race him for my wages — and he's quick to shoot and get into good positions — but he'll find life progressively harder as defenders discover more about him.

He could be typical of a lot of fresh young players who make an impact in their first ten games or so, then find themselves struggling.

The big test for him and all other newcomers is whether he can vary his game, continually spring surprises. Our own Davey Fairclough did tremendously well in his opening spell, then tended to "disappear" from games as defenders realised that tight marking could curb his menace.

So Davey concentrated more on eliminating his weaknesses and has established himself in the team.

Kevin Keegan is a model example in his role, always conjuring up something original to keep defenders guessing.

As great players are overtaken by age and lose their speed and stamina, so their places must be filled by players on the way up. Football would suffer a sad decline if there was not a steady supply of new talent capable of filling the boots of those leaving the game.



Cyril Regis (stripes) scores Albion's winner v. Manchester United.

'I was disappointed with Regis'

Clive Walker is one of the handful I'd select as most likely to succeed, a star of tomorrow who could help his club and country to glory.

Another is Peter Barnes of Manchester City, son of Ken Barnes, their assistant coach and a former defender with the club.

Magic when he first appeared on our soccer stage, he went through a period of being virtually blotted out of games before maturing into a more thoughtful, tactical player.

He still, however, tends to run too much with the ball, dribble past too many players and waste his pass or shot.

Many times, I've seen him fail to take advantage of space he's

created for other players and go for goal himself instead of releasing the ball.

Notably in the England/Italy game, which we won 2-0. Although he was well worth his place that November night, and showed enough of his strengths to mark him down as a future regular in the England side.

Aston Villa's John Deehan is an example of a rising star opponents cottoned on to, and was left out of the side for a while after his confidence took a jolt. Now it's up to him to find the new ideas that will put him back on the path to stardom.

I'm sure he's capable of doing so.

Arsenal probably have the biggest crop of promising youngsters, the most recent being the curly-haired Graham Rix. Apart from his ability and application, he has two big factors going for him: he's in an up and coming side, which breeds confidence, and being part of a four-man midfield lessens his workload.

The second is most important for him, because I noticed in his games against us he tended to flag a little

and extremely agile. Very good at dealing with crosses.

If he continues to improve, it won't be long before he's pushing for the England spot.

Apart from resistance from myself, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan, he'll have to contend with the challenge of Paul Bradshaw, who is also very quick around the penalty box for a big lad.

When Forest beat Wolves 2-0 in the League, Peter Shilton collared all the plaudits from the media, and Paul was almost ignored, even though he pulled off a couple of saves that over-shadowed those made by Peter.

When Paul trained once with the England squad, I noticed his handling was not as sure as it should be, but it has improved considerably.

Two full-backs have particularly caught my eye. One is Derby's David Langan, very sound and with a refreshing spirit of adventure. Unlike many defenders who charge up-field and come to a full-stop on the 18-yard line, wondering what to do, he has the courage to go on and try a shot.

'REDS

WANT REVENGE ON THE BLUES'



'We're wise to Clive Walker'

in the final 20 minutes, a possible indication that he lacks stamina.

However, that deficiency will be rectified as he matures physically, and is more than counter-balanced by his vision and superb distribution.

Cyril Regis, the black West Bromwich Albion striker, disappointed me when we played his team at The Hawthorns, especially as the ground was heavy, a condition supposed to suit his style.

He was hardly in the game and gave us very few problems in our 1-0 win. I can only conclude that he was having an off-day — it happens to us all. And usually we can't work out the reason why.

He later struck great form when scoring two goals to knock out Manchester United in an F.A. Cup replay.

Two future possible candidates for my England number one shirt have clearly emerged this season: John Middleton of Derby and Paul Bradshaw of Wolves.

I've known John for many years, watching his progress since I first saw him as a lad at my old school. I gave him a few lessons there and again later when he joined Nottingham Forest, whom he left for Derby after Peter Shilton was bought by Brian Clough.

John is a "natural". Over six feet, so that he can reach high and wide,

The other is Derek Statham of West Brom, who earns my vote as "Young Player of the Year", a tremendous prospect who is quick and sure in the tackle and extremely fit and constructive.

I expect Derek to play for the England Under-21 side when they play Italy at Maine Road next week.

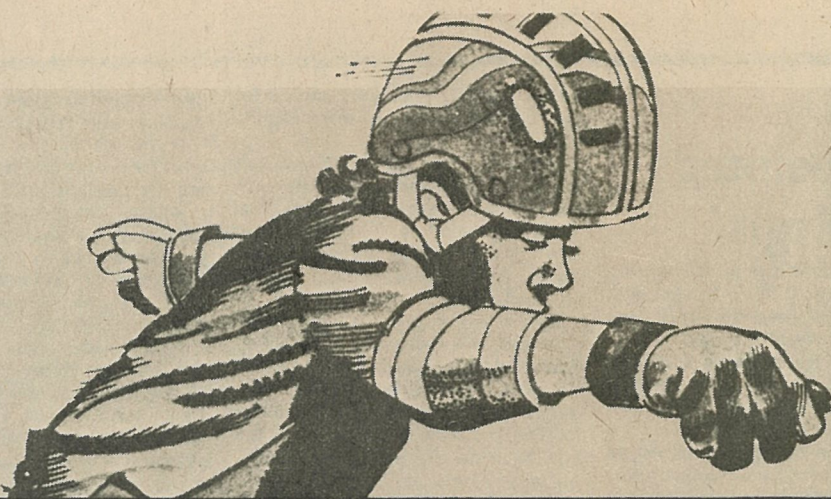
Personally, I believe the introduction of the Under-21 team will aid the development of our players considerably.

There is a vast difference between football at club and international levels and this additional "stepping stone", which leads up to the "B" team, should give players valuable experience!

Now back to Liverpool's date with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. There should be another bumper crowd — though perhaps it won't equal the big attendance figure at the Third Round tie — and I firmly predict they'll see a very different Liverpool this time out!

Blues, beware — the Reds are out for revenge.

Ray Clemence



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Record-breaking Mick's '5-year plan'

IT'S a safe bet Ipswich skipper Mick Mills earned a better rating for his 500th first team appearance than he did on his debut.

Because it was in his opening game for the club in April, 1966, Mick was voted the 22nd best player on the field. And that's something he hasn't forgotten.

He says: "How could I fail to remember that? It was a daily newspaper that used to mark each player from 1 to 22 and although I didn't expect the 'Man of the Match' award I was very disappointed when I saw the ratings.

"I can't honestly say I shed any tears when that particular newspaper folded some years later!"

Now, of course, Mick can look back on a career in which he has been a credit to himself, his club and his country. Yet as a teenager he wondered if his future would be in football.

He explains: "I'd gone to Portsmouth to join their youth set-

up and had only been there a few weeks when they scrapped it which left several of us out of a job.

"I was beginning to think of getting a job outside the game when I got the chance of going to Ipswich for trials. I was on a three month contract but must have done well because they signed me as an apprentice after five weeks.

"My wage was £9 a week, but I got a rise in February the following year when I signed as a full-time professional a few weeks after my 17th birthday.

"My debut was in a 5-2 win against Wolves who were going very well in the Second Division at the time which made the form report all the more puzzling!"

Mick helped Ipswich climb out of the Second Division in 1968 and they have been in the top flight ever since. "But at times it was a hard fight and we were playing what I would call survival foot-

ball," he recalls.

"When Bobby Robson joined us at the start of 1969 he did a lot of sorting out. But thinking back to the staff we had in those days it was a miracle we didn't go straight back down again."

Mick was close to leaving Ipswich in a £200,000 move to Manchester United during the close season of 1972, but when Bobby Robson failed to secure a suitable replacement for his captain the deal was off.

"I wanted to go to Old Trafford to taste success and further my career. When the deal fell through I put it to the back of my mind," he says.

"Funnily enough we opened the new season with a win at Old Trafford of all places and that was the turning point for Ipswich. Since then we've been able to live with the very best, not only in this country but also in Europe.

"In fact, in season 1974-75 I'm

convinced we were the best team in the country. We nearly did the double, missing the title by two points and losing in a Semi-Final replay in the F.A. Cup."

It remains one of Mick's ambitions to lead Ipswich to a major honour and he feels he has another five years in which to do it.

"Maybe I'm being a bit over optimistic," he smiles, "but I feel I can go on until I'm 34.

"I was 29 in January so I'm not as old as a lot of people seem to think. We've had a lean time of it this season, which can be put down to the terrible injury problems we've had to endure."

Mick, who broke the club appearances record with his 494th first team game in the F.A. Cup at Cardiff in January, has won 14 full England caps as well as being capped at youth and Under-23 level.

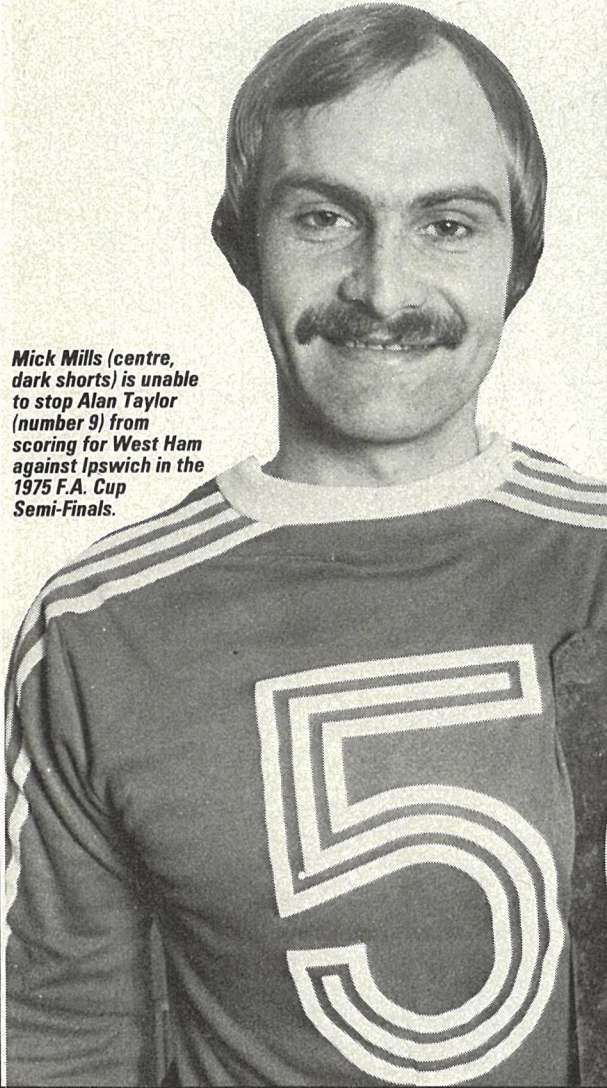
One of football's gentlemen, he wants to stay in the game when the time comes to eventually hang up his boots. This summer he plans to take a step nearer his goal by taking his full coaching badge on an F.A. course at Lilleshall.

He'll be accompanied by his good friend and former colleague at Ipswich, Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland international who is now captain of Millwall following a short spell with Everton.

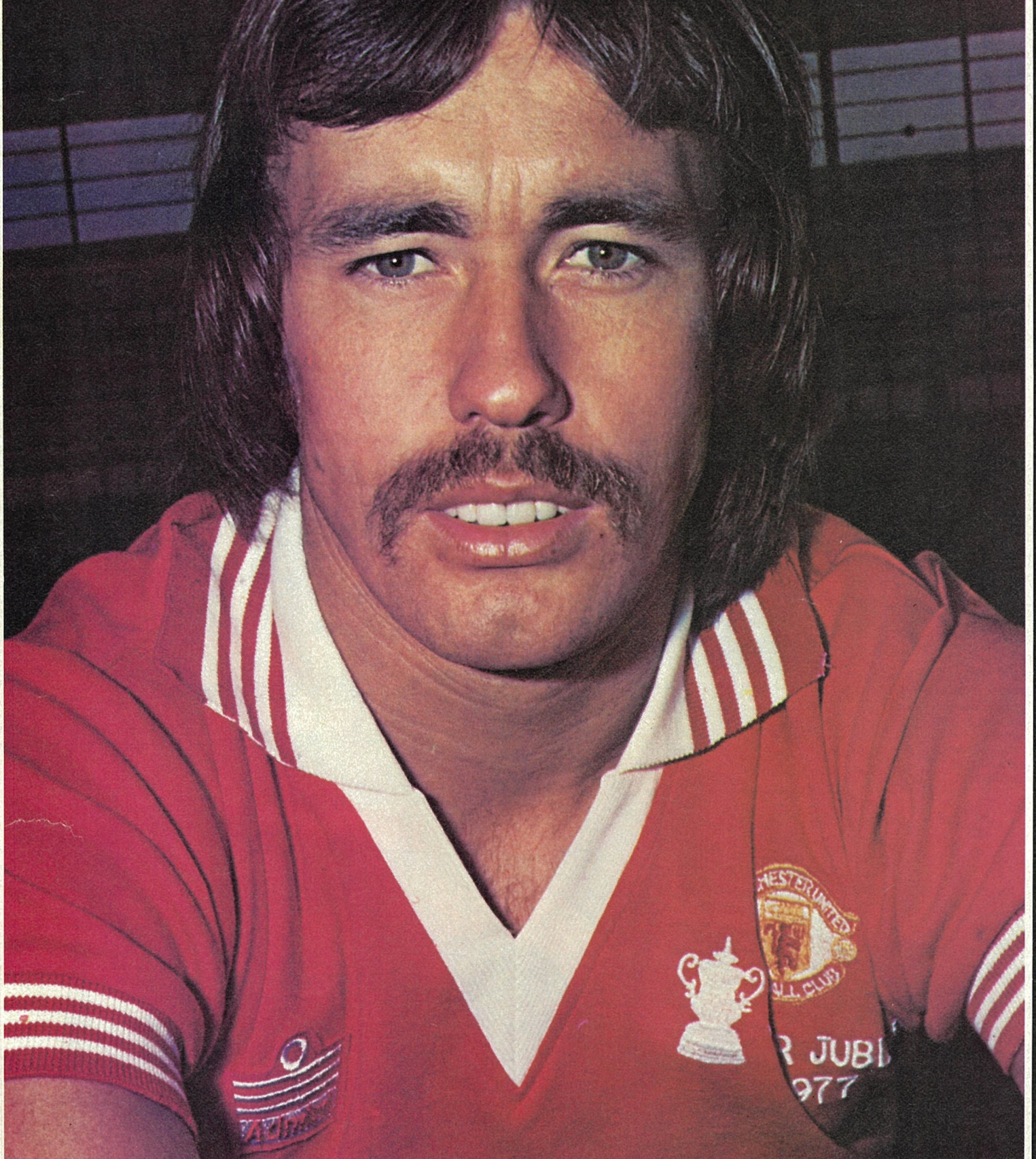
"We've stayed friends since Bryan left Portman Road a couple of years back, and we both want to become coaches and eventually managers. After the F.A. course we're off to Finland and Sweden where we'll be coaching youngsters.

"It will be good training for us. Who knows, in the years to come we might be a successful partnership like Brian Clough and Peter Taylor!"

Mick Mills (centre, dark shorts) is unable to stop Alan Taylor (number 9) from scoring for West Ham against Ipswich in the 1975 F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.



SAMMY McILROY
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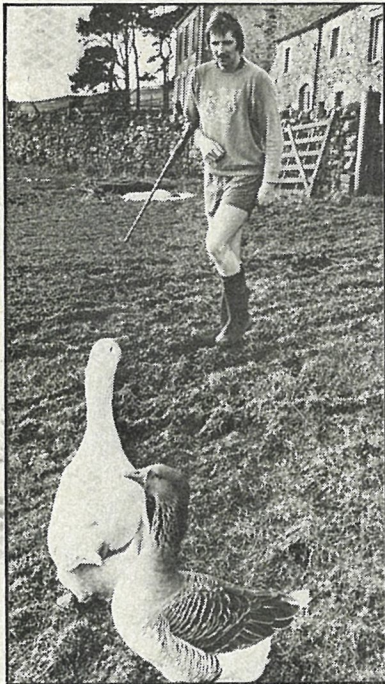
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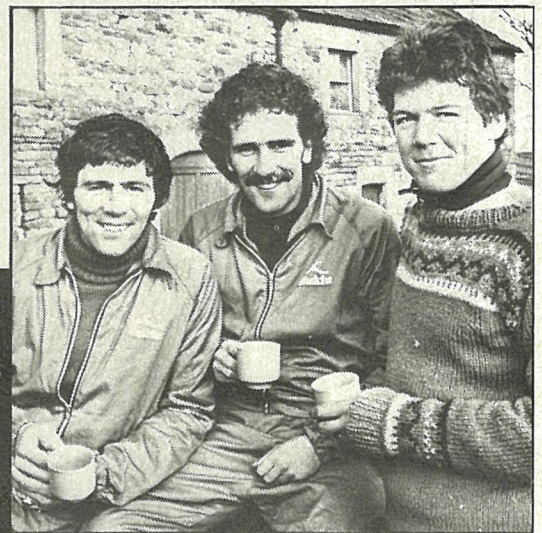
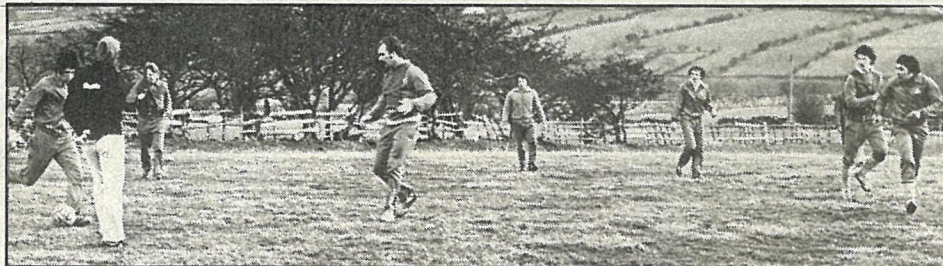
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Down on the farm, something stirred...

When Sheffield Wednesday's spirits were low as they fought against relegation from the Third Division, manager Jack Charlton decided a few days' break on his mother's farm (right) would do the players the world of good. Defender David Cusack (below) is watched warily by two web-footed friends.



JACK'S PACK



The Wednesday "pack" (above) enjoy a game in the picturesque setting of the rolling North Yorkshire moors. RIGHT... Ian Porterfield (left), Lindsay McKeown (centre) and Bob Boulder have a cup of tea after a hard training session. Jack Charlton's mum Cissie (left) keeps everyone's cup topped up. Tommy Tynan (below) tries some shooting of a different kind. Wednesday fans will be hoping he can find the net regularly as the famous Hillsborough club fight the drop.



IT IS just over a year since Gordon Lee quit his job with Newcastle United to take over as Everton's manager. And in the 12 months that have elapsed, he has had time to look back and reflect on the current positions of the two clubs.

And the Goodison boss comments: "I like to think I've made some progress here on Merseyside. At the moment, Everton are up with the leaders in the League, and I shall be very disappointed if

'I WON'T BE HAPPY UNTIL EVERTON WIN THE TITLE' GORDON LEE

we don't finish in the top six, at least.

"But I will really only be happy when Everton are the First Division Champions. What I am working at now is to build up a side that can lift the title, to prove beyond doubt we are the best.

"Looking back to my days with Newcastle United, my aims and aspirations were the same. The fans up on Tyneside are tremendous, as they are here, and I wanted to bring success to a team which was anxious to put the area back on the soccer map.

"When I left Newcastle, the team was heading for the U.E.F.A. Cup. They finished in the leading half-dozen, although the side still needed a few new players, some polishing up to make it first class.

"Now, United are struggling at the wrong end of the table, and some people have blamed me for the beginning of the club's bad time — for example, I was criticised because I sold Malcolm MacDonald.

"But my belief is nothing is more convincing than facts. And the facts are I left Newcastle in a respectable League position, and have also taken Everton to one."

For Gordon Lee, the important thing in football is to be a winner. And he has an in-born feeling he will achieve his target.

"To put together a winning side is to prove to a manager he is heading in the right direction. Then to finish at the top of the Division indicates that he and his team are the best in the country.

"Which is why I have respect for Bob Paisley at Liverpool. He has the trophies to show for their success, and I've a long way to go yet — I badly need a trophy on the table and I want it as quickly as possible."

But the Everton manager is essentially a realist, who is firmly convinced nothing succeeds like hard work, whether it be for a manager or player.

"And I assess a man by first taking in his appearance," he says. "If a player has an alertness about him, a certain confidence in his bearing and personality, he is the type I am looking for.

Gordon Lee left Newcastle a year ago and has since brought Everton into the Championship race.

Bill McGarry replaced sacked Richard Dinnis at St. James' Park last November and is faced with the daunting prospect of relegation. This week, SHOOT looks at the contrasting fortunes of both clubs.



"At Everton, the directors expect me to compete to bring the top players, the cream of the talent, to Goodison. My employers are ambitious, and in my job I know I can think big. But it's wise to remember we are not necessarily the millionaire club we are frequently made out to be.

"A manager's function is to make decisions, and it is a great help if he knows he can concentrate on those that are most important to the club. This is what I do here, and there is freedom from unnecessary frustrations."

The team that has barred the way to a possible Championship win for Gordon Lee this season is Nottingham Forest. Yet the side he has inherited from Billy Bingham has become one of the most consistent in the country, and the Everton boss is continually looking for improvement.

He sums up: "There is no room for complacency — a look across to Anfield is the best antidote for that."

'STILL A CHANCE NEWCASTLE CAN SURVIVE' BILL MCGARRY

NEWCASTLE United suffered an emphatic F.A. Cup defeat against Wrexham, have had injury problems, and face a struggle for First Division survival.

But in his fight to avoid relegation for the club, United boss Bill McGarry will not be depending on what many people think essential to any team — luck.

"I believe a side makes its own luck," says the Newcastle manager. "It is no good just sitting back — extra effort has to be put in to make things happen."

Certainly, for Bill McGarry, it must have been evident that giant efforts would need to be made to bring about an improvement at St. James' Park when he arrived to take over from sacked manager Richard Dinnis near the end of last year.

Previously, key-men such as Geoff Nulty, Alan Kennedy, and Alan Gowling, had been out of the side through injury — and this factor had contributed to a certain extent to Newcastle's slide to the foot of the League table during the brief reign of Richard Dinnis.

And what made the club's slump so hard to bear for the fans was the fact only a few months earlier, Newcastle had finished among the top six clubs in the First Division.

Great things had been expected of United in 1977-78 following a succession of disappointments in League and Cup competitions.

So when Bill McGarry came to fill the managerial hot seat, he was faced with the immediate task of bringing about an improvement in United's lowly League position.

At that time, Newcastle had taken just six League points and were bottom of the table. By the middle of February, they had 14 points but were still five points adrift of 19th place and were second bottom, only just above Leicester.

The improvement was slight, but sufficient enough for manager McGarry to feel chances of avoiding the drop were brighter.

He said: "When I arrived I could see no real way in which United could keep their heads in First Division waters. Now there is a chance, though I wouldn't care to

say it is any more than that.

"The fact three successive matches were won when I took over was a crucial factor. It gave a breathing space where there hadn't been one — it was at least something to build on."

But while some hope was offered in the League struggle, there was a morale-sapping F.A. Cup defeat at the hands of the Third Division pace-makers, Wrexham, after an earlier 2-2 draw.

"We should have won the first game," said the Newcastle boss. "They were trailing 2-1 when they got the equaliser in the last few



seconds. But I had no excuses to make when we lost the replay."

It was in the replay Newcastle lost the services of John Blackley through injury early in the second-half.

Highly thought of by McGarry, Blackley had just returned to the team after a seven-match lay-off with an ankle injury — a serious blow for a team short of adequate cover.

And apart from Blackley, a spate of injuries meant not once in 12 League and Cup matches could Mr. McGarry send out the same side in successive games. Added to this, there is a shortage of top-class cover, especially in midfield and up-front, which has resulted in a search for new players by the United manager.

He sums up: "I'm finding that managers are reluctant to let anyone go at this stage of the season. Players I've been interested in have not been available. But I'll keep plugging away and hope for a break."

WEST BROM recently rejected a £200,000 Arsenal bid for their brilliant young defender Derek Statham.

Forest boss Brian Clough heard of this and said: "I'll top any offers if he comes on the list."

The thought of Derek and Viv Anderson playing together in the same rearguard is a very exciting prospect . . . for Brian and England, perhaps.

"FATTY" IS NOW FIGHTING FIT

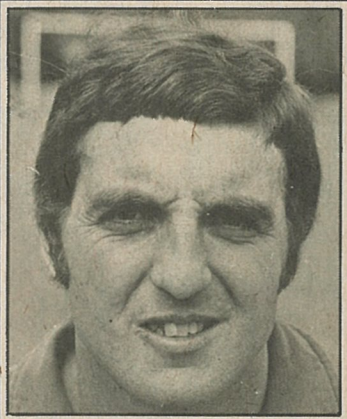
NOT so many seasons ago Bob Latchford and his big brother Dave (below) were the idols of the Birmingham City fans, while younger brother Peter was establishing himself with West Bromwich Albion.

Bob, of course, is still on top form with Everton while Peter has made quite a goal-keeping reputation with Celtic whom he joined in March, 1975.

But what about Dave? Nearly 12 months ago he lost his number one spot in Birmingham's League side to Jim Montgomery.

As the weeks passed he had to be content with odd appearances in the Football Combination side. Frustration, exasperation and lack of top competitive football caused him to put on weight.

His own son called him "Fatty". That humorous remark shook him out of his complacency. Now Dave is back to normal weight and fighting fit. He's too good a 'keeper to be out of the First Division limelight.



PETER SHIELDS, the 17-year-old Ipswich left-back, can count Aston Villa, Leeds, Celtic and Burnley among the clubs that have shown a big interest in him.

He was connected with all those other four clubs at some time or another, but rates his signing by Ipswich as a highlight in his short career.

Glasgow-born Shields has already played for Scotland Youth and is keen to earn more honours with his native country.

BOBBY... AT HOME

OUR cameraman recently popped in to see Bobby Charlton at his luxurious home near Knutsford, Cheshire. Here the former Manchester United and England hero is seen with his wife Norma and children Suzanne (15) riding pony Gambol and Andrea (12) with Judy the dog.



SLIGO ROVERS have signed Shelbourne's John Delamere to replace striker Mick Leonard who has returned to his native Glasgow. Other transfer news in Eire . . . Sean Byrne, St. Patrick's Athletic to Dundalk; and Brian Daly, Waterford to Shelbourne.

Carrick Flop

REMEMBER 1976 Northern Ireland F.A. Cup-winning giant-killers Carrick Rangers?

Well, Rangers have had a lean time of it this season, failing to complete a history-making "hat-trick" of Irish Intermediate Cup wins, and gain entry to the Irish F.A. Cup, in addition to a disappointing League run, following their 'B' Division Championship successes in 1973, 1975 and last term.

Changed fortunes, indeed, for a team that reached the Second Round of the Cup-Winners' Cup little more than a year ago!

 * ONE-TIME Manchester United and England defender Bill Foulkes, now managing the affairs of American outfit Tulsa (Oklahoma), recently went on a scouting mission to Belfast, where he took in the Glentoran v. Bangor Fiat Irish League game, at the Oval.
 * The former Old Trafford favourite, who won four League Championship, and also F.A. Cup and European Cup-winning medals with United, plus full England honours, is reportedly keen on recruiting several players from the Northern Ireland scene.

WHEN Bill McGarry took over as Newcastle boss, it meant John Blackley has played under seven managers in 12 years. The other six were Richard Dinnis and at Hibs his managers were Jock Stein, Bob Shankly, Willie McFarlane, Dave Ewing and Eddie Turnbull.

WHY JOHNNY GILES QUIT- and then changed his mind

THE refusal of the F.A. of Ireland's Executive Committee to accept Eamon Dunphy and Ray Treacy as his assistants, caused Republic of Ireland player-manager Johnny Giles to hand in his resignation a few weeks ago.

Fourteen days later, however, football fans in Eire cheered when the F.A.I. announced: "We are pleased to say Mr Giles has withdrawn his resignation as team-manager. Agreement has been reached whereby the names of the entire panel of assistants has been withdrawn. The manager will appoint his assistants as required in the future."

The real trouble arose at an Executive Committee meeting where Giles was quizzed at length about his proposed summer transfer to Philadelphia Fury.

Committee members were annoyed, apparently, that the first they heard of the transfer was from newspapers.

Despite Giles' assurance that his U.S. plans would not interfere with his Eire duties, the mood of the meeting remained hostile towards him.

When, as a courtesy, he showed the Committee the names of the five people he wished to appoint as his assistants — Dave Bacuzzi, manager of Home Farm, Billy Young, manager of Bohemians, and Alan Kelly, assistant-manager of Preston, and Dunphy and Treacy — he was asked to leave the room while the Committee discussed the matter.

When Johnny was recalled he was told Treacy and Dunphy were unacceptable. The Committee refused any explanation.

Giles told SHOOT at the time: "This is my job and these are the people I'm selecting to help me. If I put forward five names and two are rejected, it puts my whole credibility into question."

One of the ironies of the situation was that in his



previous agreement, Giles had permission to appoint his own staff.

He also made the point he might never need to use the men he was appointing. However, in the event of a clash of fixtures it would avoid having to bring someone in "cold". Payment would have been a matter between the F.A.I. and the individual.

Finally, after a further meeting with the Executive Committee, Johnny again spoke to SHOOT: "I do not agree with the F.A.I.'s reasons for not accepting the nominations of Ray and Eamon, but this time the deadlock was broken through a compromise."

"Alan Kelly will continue to be my personal assistant and the F.A.I. will allow me to bring anyone I want for individual matches when the need arises."

Johnny Giles has been in charge of the Republic of Ireland squad since October, 1973, and has helped the country earn a new respect in world football. He also holds a record of 51 caps.

Thank goodness for all concerned that sense prevailed in the end. The F.A.I. would have committed one of the biggest blunders in soccer history had they allowed a man with Giles' ability to take his special talents elsewhere.

MR 'ELASTIC'

LUTON goalkeeper Milija Aleksic — "Mr Elastic" to his team-mates, joined the club from Plymouth for £20,000 after being on loan to Ipswich Town.

Now the Portman Road outfit are one of seven clubs, including Manchester United, on his trail.

Said former Luton boss Harry Haslam, now manager of Sheffield United: "Milija is worth at least ten times the fee I paid Plymouth."

WHEN Aston Villa's manager Ron Saunders signed Tommy Craig from Newcastle it was a case of third time lucky for the Midland club.

They had attempted to sign him while he was in Scotland also when he was on the verge of leaving Sheffield Wednesday.

At a fee of £250,000 it puts a great deal of responsibility upon the little Scot, who has obviously been signed to fill the gap created by the absence with a broken leg of fellow Scot Alex Cropley.

Craig said: "I have moved to the Villa because they are a very progressive club. I'm also hoping being a member of the Villa team will help me win a place in Scotland's World Cup squad."

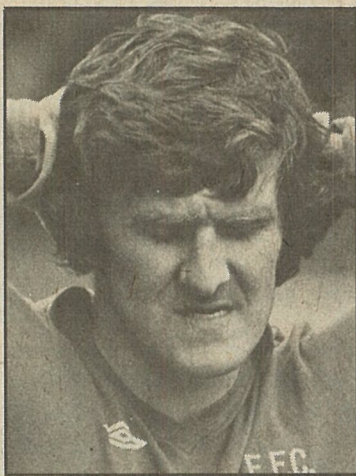
Fight to hold Randall

THE biggest scramble of the season is on for 19-year-old Bristol Rovers striker Paul Randall, who has rocketed into the £200,000 bracket after less than 20 League games.

Liverpool, Arsenal, West Ham, Derby and Leeds United are five of the leading clubs known to be very interested in his future.

Six months ago, Paul was working in a Somerset supermarket after being turned down by Bristol City.

Says his manager Bobby Campbell: "I know all the big boys are watching Paul. He's a natural goalscorer with all the skill of Jimmy Greaves. Although this boy's worth his weight in gold I'll fight as hard as I can to keep him at Eastville."



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Wrexham's 'miracle man'

TWO Championship-winning managers could look back on this season and thank their lucky stars they added to their team strength by buying new goalkeepers.

That is the view of Wrexham player-manager Arfon Griffiths whose club are favourites to lift the Third Division title, and give the club's supporters Second Division football next season for the first time in 100 years.

Says 36-year-old Arfon: "If you ask Brian Clough which signing has worked the miracle at Forest I'm sure he'll say Peter Shilton. And if anybody asks me the same question about Wrexham I'll say Dai Davies."

Claims Griffiths: "He was a giveaway at the price for us. He is the Welsh international goalkeeper, he's a real personality, is on top of his game, and he has certainly made our defence play with a lot more confidence."

SPURS latest signing, 21-year-old winger Tony Galvin from Goole Town, has a B.A. degree in Russian and is at present studying at a teacher's training college in Nottingham.

Tony, brother of Hull City's Chris Galvin, has told Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw that he'll decide in June whether he's going to take up football as a full-time career.

LITTLE more than 12 months ago Ray Bishop was employed full-time by the GPO and playing as a part-timer with Cheltenham Town in the Southern League.

Then came a phone call from Cardiff City inviting him to play a "trial" in the reserves against Bristol Rovers.

That was in January, 1977. Now he is making a name for himself as a goal-getting striker in the City's gallant efforts to retain their place in the Second Division.

No one is more surprised than Ray himself for he was 22 when the call came from Cardiff, who paid Cheltenham a fee of £500 when the transfer was completed, plus another £500 when he had completed ten League appearances. That cheque was paid some time ago.

EXETER's Nick Jennings has already made plans for his retirement ... training as a probation officer.

EDINBURGH's three senior clubs are now managed by former Hibs players following the appointment of Willie Macfarlane to Second Division Meadowbank Thistle. Willie returned to Easter Road after his playing days to manage Hibs for a spell before being succeeded by Eddie Turnbull. The third ex-Hib in charge is Willie Ormond, manager of Hearts.

DENNIS EVANS — working hard at Newport

YOUNG player who could soon be attracting a great deal of attention in the Fourth Division is Newport County's 17-year-old midfielder Dennis Evans (left).

A former Cardiff City youth team player, Dennis hasn't actually been given a contract at Newport ... yet.

"The manager, Colin Addison, told me to work hard at keeping my progress up and at the end of the season he'll make a decision about me."

But Dennis obviously feels his immediate future does lie at Somerton Park.

"My first ambition is to win a Welsh youth cap and if I'm doing well with Newport then I must stand a chance."

While he's continuing to make the grade, life is hard for young Dennis.

"When I'm not training, it's my job to help look after the dressing-rooms and kit, but I don't mind that because I enjoy just

being part of a professional club.

"Although the boss has a lot to think about, he takes a close interest in how I'm getting on, so I never feel out of things."

"My normal weekday starts when I report at 9.15 each morning. I help sort out the training kit for the day, and after training tidy up the dressing-room."

"Once a week I help with the laundry and preparing the kit on Friday for weekend games."

Dennis is a determined, dedicated young man who could have a fine future ahead of him.

"I owe a great deal to Colin Addison and coach Ronnie Bird," he said.

But what about the Newport first team players?

"Oh, they're a great bunch of lads," said Dennis. "One or two of them are real jokers ... always ready for a laugh."

BLACK SEASON

THIS has been a black season for Rotherham United with injuries piling up each week and as many as eight of the first team squad out of action at the same time.

Pre-season, all the senior professionals renewed their contracts on the same day and manager Jimmy McGuigan, receiving a new three-year contract, seemed set for another promotion attempt.

Sinking into the relegation area in the Third Division and having to scour the clubs for loan players the impassive Scot who said "the tally of injuries has been the worst in my career" must wryly think of the twist of fate since last season when his team went 24 games without a change and Barry Wagstaff went into the record books as the substitute who remained on the bench throughout 23 matches!

Everton's Roger Kenyon and Duncan McKenzie practise some sharpshooting ... before concentrating on helping the club make their final assault on the League Championship race.

LESS NEWS ABOUT SOCCER IN THE STATES demands Burnley boss

BURNLEY MANAGER Harry Potts blasted off at soccer American-style recently. "Why doesn't the media concentrate on putting across the merits of the English game? The Football League is the finest competition in the world," he said.

"There is too much fuss about the game in America — the razamatuzz, the easy pitches are very different from over here. And how many American sides would 'live' in the English League?" questioned the man who has been in the game for more than 30 years as player, coach and manager.

A striker with 12 seasons Football League service before joining Cosmos (New York) agrees ... to a point.

Says Tony Field, the former Halifax, Barrow, Southport, Blackburn and Sheffield United player: "Perhaps one or two clubs would hold their own in the lower Divisions in England. They might even survive two or three matches in the First Division. But 42? It's just not on."

Not for a few years, anyhow.



IT CAN'T have escaped anyone's notice that all the teams challenging for honours in Division One have a very important asset in common... a top-class goalkeeper.

Slowly but surely over the past two or three seasons 'keepers have come out of the shadows as far as transfer fees are concerned and clubs are realising a top goalie is as important as any outfield player.

Now, clubs must pay more realistic fees for 'keepers. A lot of people thought Brian Clough was wrong to pay Stoke £275,000 for Peter Shilton. Cloughie has been proved correct.

If you have a really good goalie he can be worth 20 goals a season to you — and it's hard to put a value on such statistics. If you're not conceding goals, you must be picking up points.

In my view Peter Shilton is the best in the country right now, and for the third time in succession I chose Peter in my P.F.A. team. For the record, Trevor Francis was my choice for Player of the Year this time round. I think Trevor has done exceptionally well in a generally disappointing Birmingham City side, which isn't easy.

Back to Peter Shilton... there can be few more professional goalkeepers around. He does everything right down to the last detail and marshals his defence superbly.

Problem

He is playing better than ever since joining Forest a few months ago, possibly because he's behind such a strong defence.

It's an awkward problem for Ron Greenwood whom to pick — Shilton or Clemence.

Ray has never really let England down and it's hard to justify dropping him. Yet Peter is playing so well he can't be left out!

I have quite a good record against the Liverpool 'keeper — I've scored in our last two meetings, but then Villa have done well against The Reds in the past couple of seasons.

It is a disadvantage, in some ways, for Ray to play behind a fine defence because he has long spells of inactivity. I think he could be suffering just a little this season as Liverpool's defence isn't quite as impregnable as formerly.

For me, the three top goalies in

'PETER SHILTON MY NUMBER ONE 'KEEPER'

the League on present form are Peter Shilton, Joe Corrigan and Jim Blyth. I may be doing an injustice to some others, but I can only judge from what I've seen either on TV or when I've faced them.

I'll never forget one game against Manchester City at Maine Road — I think it was my first season down in England.

I was through on my own and as I approached the edge of the penalty-area I caught the ball perfectly. I was yelling "GOAL" the moment the ball left my boot, but somehow Joe Corrigan got his fingertips to the ball to pull off a fantastic save.

Unfortunately for me, television cameras were there and caught my reaction vividly! I received a lot of letters after that, but it was a spur of the moment reaction — every striker has been in that situation at one time or another!

Television did Coventry's Jim Blyth nothing but good earlier this year when Match of the Day showed his five-star performance against Liverpool at Highfield Road. Jim stopped everything Liverpool threw at him — including a penalty from Phil Neal, who very rarely misses.

Jim's heroic deeds were seen by Scottish viewers, too, including, I'm sure, Ally MacLeod, who awarded Jim his first Scotland cap against Bulgaria.

Another great "TV performance"

this season was by Arsenal's Pat Jennings against Manchester City in the League Cup at Maine Road.

The City forwards must have been heartbroken to see Pat stopping all their efforts. Pat has given the Arsenal defence composure, confidence and experience, although it's only fair to point out Jimmy

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

"Goalkeepers can give strikers headaches! Here, Q.P.R.'s Phil Parkes has just stopped a certain goal of mine."



Barcelona's Cup

I've got a programme for a Fairs Cup Quarter-Final second-leg between Chelsea and Munich 1860 dated 29th March, 1966. Can you tell me the result, and who won the Cup that year?

MARK NEVILLE,
OXFORD

● That game ended up 1-0 to Chelsea, with Peter Osgood scoring. Mark — and, as the away-leg had been drawn 2-2, they went through on a 3-2 aggregate. But in a Semi-Final play-off — after both clubs had won 2-0 at home — Barcelona beat Chelsea 5-0.

Then Barcelona went on to win the Fairs Cup — beating Real Zaragoza 4-3 on aggregate in an all-Spanish Final.

John Atyeo

My brother says Bristol City's John Atyeo never played for England. He's wrong, isn't he?

CHRIS CARPENTER,
CHIPPENHAM

● He is, at that, Chris. When Atyeo played against Spain at Wembley in November, 1955, he became the first City player to win a full England cap for 42 years.

That same season he won further caps against Brazil and Sweden — and, in 1956-57, against Eire (twice) and Denmark.

But it was at club level this skilful striker really made his name — scoring 315 goals in 597 League games for Bristol City.

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Banks beaten — once

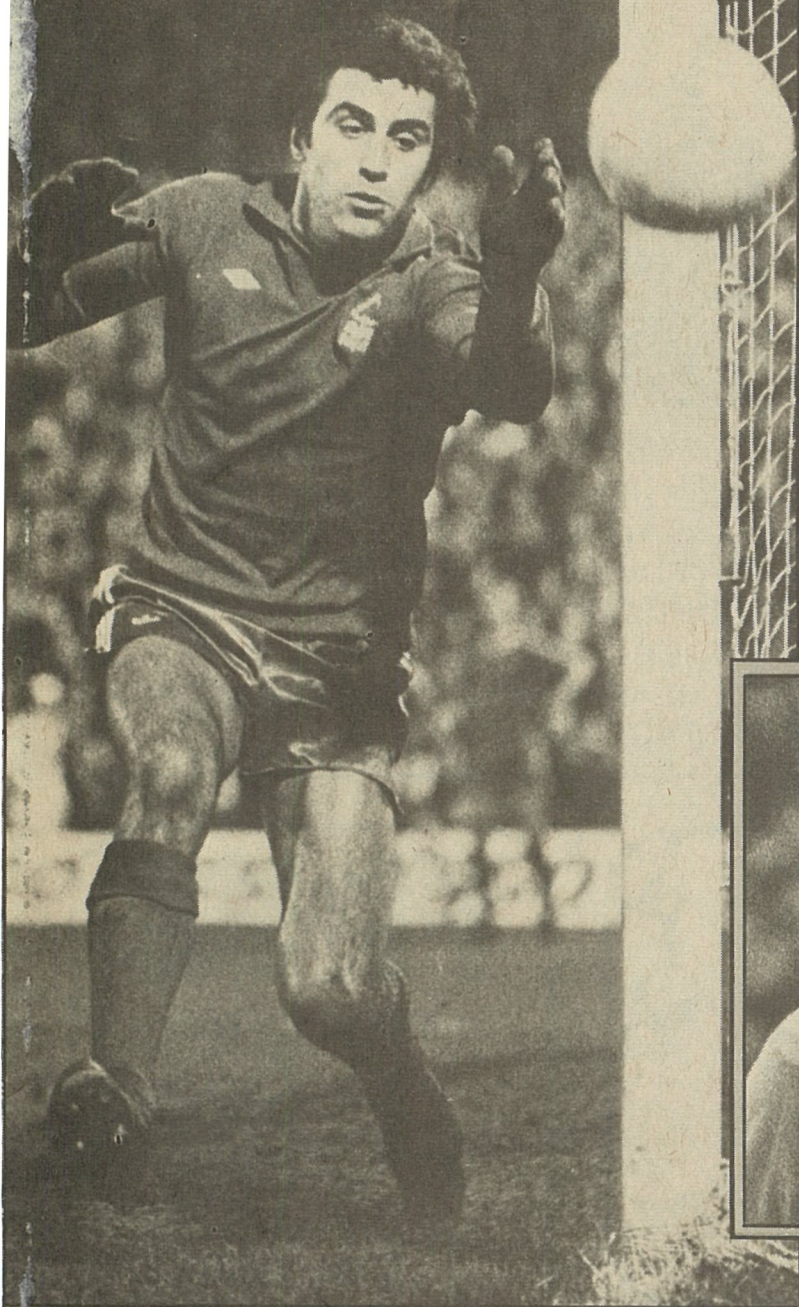
On TV recently, I saw again that miraculous save of Gordon Banks from Pele in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico — but what was the rest of the England team?

HUGH BAYNES,
BURY ST. EDMUNDS

● These were Gordon's colleagues that day, Hugh — Tommy Wright, Terry Cooper, Alan Mullery, Brian Labone, Bobby Moore, Francis Lee (substituted by Jeff Astle), Alan Ball, Bobby Charlton (substituted by Colin Bell), Geoff Hurst, and Martin Peters.

But, although Pele didn't beat Banks, Jairzinho did — and Brazil won 1-0.

"Peter Shilton is the best 'keeper in the country at the moment."



Rimmer, the player Pat succeeded, is having a very good season for Villa.

Jimmy has been our most consistent player and the transfer has worked out well for all concerned.

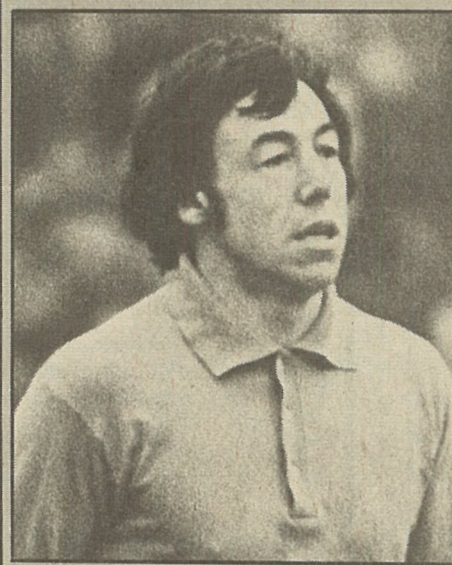
One of the best goalkeeping displays at the highest level I can remember is that of Jimmy Montgomery for Sunderland when they beat Leeds in the F.A. Cup Final five years ago.

Monty pulled off some magical saves, two in particular I'm sure everyone will remember from close range as Leeds piled on the pressure.

Gordon Banks has got to be The Greatest, though. Gordon had everything and proved it time and time again. It's incredible to think that at almost 40 and with sight from only one eye he's still playing — and playing well — for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

The English have always boasted they have the best goalkeepers in the world . . . and I have to agree with this. Why, I don't know — perhaps because in Europe most players prefer to be midfield men or strikers.

English, or rather British, goalies, are much better on crosses, as our game is geared more to high centres whereas the Continentals work the ball into the area.



"Gordon Banks is my all-time great goalkeeper."

I've noticed Continental goalies tend to punch the ball a lot more, showing a lack of confidence. In Europe, I like to test the 'keeper early on to see how he handles crosses and how he reacts to the British-type of challenge.

Despite producing so many talented outfield players in my time, Scotland have always had a bit of a problem with the goalkeeper's position.

Alan Rough is the first choice now and I'm surprised no English club has snapped him up. Maybe they think he has too many bad habits after so many years with Partick, but he's never let Scotland down.

Again, I don't know why Scotland haven't produced outstanding goalkeepers. There seems no logical explanation, but things certainly seem better now with Rough, Blyth, George Wood and others around.

I study the 'keepers I have to face . . . whether they're good on near-post crosses, or weak coming off their line. I don't have a book with details written down, but they're all in my mind!

One goalkeeper who rarely hits the headlines is Andy Gray. Yes, I'm not a bad 'keeper, even if I say it myself, and if Jimmy Rimmer was ever injured during a game either Frank Carrodus or myself would take over.

I always start training sessions in goal as the lads shoot in and I'd feel confident if I ever had to go between the sticks . . . well, fairly confident!

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See you in two weeks.

Television barred

Why is the F.A. Cup Final televised live from Wembley, but not the League Cup Final?

MARK WIGMAN,
GUILDFORD.

● For the very good reason, Mark, the League Cup Final is played while the normal season is still in full-swing — and while a full Saturday programme of League games is being played on the same afternoon.

Wembley itself would probably still be a full-house — but imagine how gates at other "lesser" games could be affected.

Last game for Reds

Could you tell me when, and where, George Best played his last League game for Manchester United?

Mrs. J. MURRY,
STREATHAM HILL

● George's 361st, and final, League game for United was on Q.P.R.'s ground on 1st January, 1974.

Rangers won 3-0 and United, already deep in trouble in 20th position in the table, were relegated at the end of the season.

United's full team — changed a bit by now — was: Stepney, Young, Houston, Greenhoff (Brian), Holton, Buchan, Morgan, Macari, McIlroy, Graham, and Best.

SHORT PASSES



● West Ham is Trevor Brooking's only League club, joining them straight from school.

(STEPHEN BOWKER, Seven Kings)

● In the first European Cup Final, in Paris in 1956, Real Madrid beat Stade de Rheims 4-3.

(DAVID BURROWS, St. Helens)

● The address of the Women's Football Association is: 7 Mayfield Road, London, N.8.

(DOROTHY NORTON, Darlington)

Quartered Rovers

Please settle an argument — have Blackburn Rovers ever played in blue-and-white QUARTERED shirts?

ALAN PINK,
NEWPORT PAGNELL

● They did for many years before the War, Alan, and right up until the mid-1950's, when they switched over to "halves" instead.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

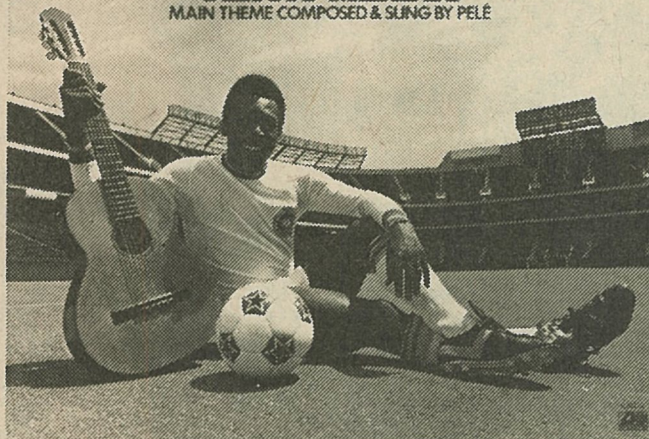
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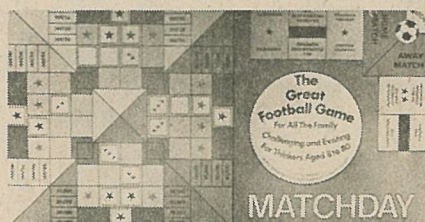
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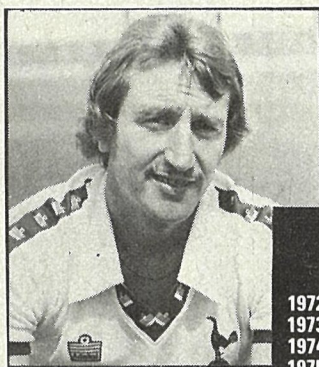
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IF YOU TRAVEL BY CAR

There is no street parking allowed within a ¼ mile radius of Tottenham's ground.

Terry Naylor (right), Glenn Hoddle (below, left, white shirt) scores against Crystal Palace at White Hart Lane.



THE shock waves of disappointment that hit everyone at White Hart Lane when Tottenham were relegated last season soon dispersed as The Lilywhites made themselves firm promotion favourites this season. Not only have Spurs played entertaining football, but their home attendances have shown a winning Second Division side will draw better support than a struggling First Division team.

Not that Tottenham fans can expect too many repeats of the freak 9-0 home victory over Bristol Rovers last October. It will be a game long remembered by Spurs debut boy Colin Lee who scored four goals. Although Lee has not kept up that scale of scoring, he has been a valuable signing and proved there are still bargains to be found in the lower Divisions.

If Spurs have a weakness it is in the centre of the defence since the hasty departure of Keith Osgood to Coventry. A weakness Spurs themselves admitted when they made a bold but fruitless bid for Gordon McQueen. But the offer proved the Spurs directors still only want the best for the club.

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White Hart Lane.

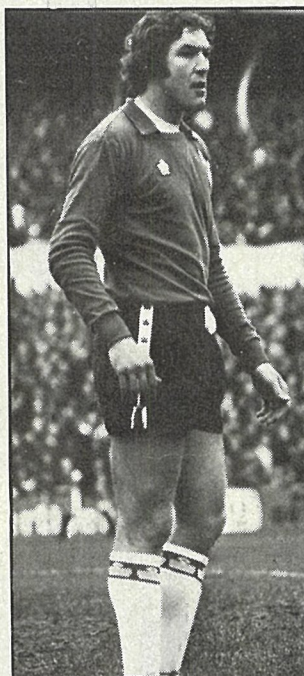
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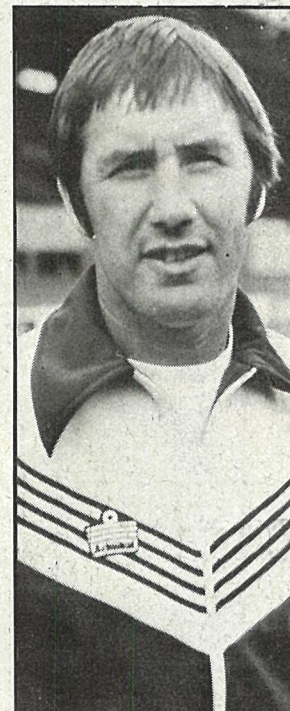
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COLOURS:
White shirts with navy blue trimmings, navy blue shorts with white stripe, white socks with blue stripe on top.

Tottenham Hotspur manager Keith Burkinshaw (below) had four seasons with Liverpool from 1954-58 as a player, then he was with Workington from 1958-65 and then Scunthorpe United until 1968. He then became coach with Newcastle until 1975. He moved on to Tottenham and was coach until Terry Neill took over at Arsenal.



BARRY DAINES



RECORD VICTORY:

13-2 v Crewe Alexandra, F.A. Cup, Fourth Round, Replay, February 3rd, 1960.

RECORD DEFEAT:

2-8 v Derby County, Division One, October 16th, 1976.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

70 in Division Two, 1919-20.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

Jimmy Greaves 37 in Division One, 1962-63.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Martin Chivers.....	17
1973-74	Martin Chivers.....	17
1974-75	John Duncan.....	12
1975-76	John Duncan.....	20
1976-77	Chris Jones.....	9

THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; CW — Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete).

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Placing	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
1960-61	1-1st(C)	W	DNC	DNC
1961-62	1-3rd	W	DNC	S/F(E)
1962-63	1-2nd	3rd	DNC	W(CW)
1963-64	1-4th	3rd	DNC	1st(CW)
1964-65	1-6th	5th	DNC	DNC
1965-66	1-8th	5th	DNC	DNC
1966-67	1-3rd	W	2nd	DNC
1967-68	1-7th	5th	DNC	2nd (CW)
1968-69	1-6th	Q/F	S/F	DNC
1969-70	1-11th	4th	2nd	DNC
1970-71	1-3rd	Q/F	W	DNC
1971-72	1-6th	Q/F	S/F	W (U)
1972-73	1-8th	4th	W	S/F (U)
1973-74	1-11th	3rd	2nd	F (U)
1974-75	1-19th	3rd	2nd	DNC
1975-76	1-9th	3rd	S/F	DNC
1976-77	1-22nd (R)	3rd	3rd	DNC



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TOTTENHAM



BACK ROW (left to right): John Duncan, Chris Jones, Barry Daines, Keith Osgood (now Coventry), Ian Moores, Steve Walford (now Arsenal), Glenn Hoddle, Pat Jennings (now Arsenal), Gerry Armstrong, Terry Naylor.

W HOTSPUR



FRONT ROW: John Gorman,
Ralph Coates, Mike Stead
Steve Perryman, Keith
Burkinshaw (manager), Jim
Holmes, John Pratt, Peter Taylor,
Neil McNab.



PEN-PICTURES

(L. App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes; All records to end of December, 1977.)

GERRY ARMSTRONG: Striker signed from Bangor in November, 1975. Five full caps for Northern Ireland at the end of 1977. Useful member of the Spurs first team squad and scored twice in a 3-1 victory at Stoke last October. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 13.2. L. App.— 23 and 7 sub. G.— 5.

RALPH COATES: Midfielder signed from Burnley for £190,000 in May, 1971. England Under-23 international and has four full caps. Will be released by Spurs at the end of this season so he can play in American football. Born Hetton-le-Hole. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 11.9½. L. App.— Burnley 213 and 2 sub, Spurs 155 and 12 sub. G.— Burnley 26, Spurs 12.

BARRY DAINES: Goalkeeper signed professional in September, 1969, and took over the position held by Pat Jennings when he signed for Arsenal. Born Witham. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 13.4. L. App.— 53.

JOHN DUNCAN: Spurs sadly missed the goals of striker John when he was out injured for most of last season. Signed from Dundee for £100,000 in October, 1974. He is the team's top scorer this term. Born Lochee. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.4. L. App.— Dundee 121 and 3 sub, Spurs 89 and 2 sub. G.— Dundee 62, Spurs 47.

JOHN GORMAN: Defender signed from Carlisle United for £60,000 in November, 1976. Has been out of the action for a long time with ligament trouble. Born Winchburton. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.10. L. App.— Carlisle 228 and 1 sub, Spurs 15. G.— Carlisle 5.

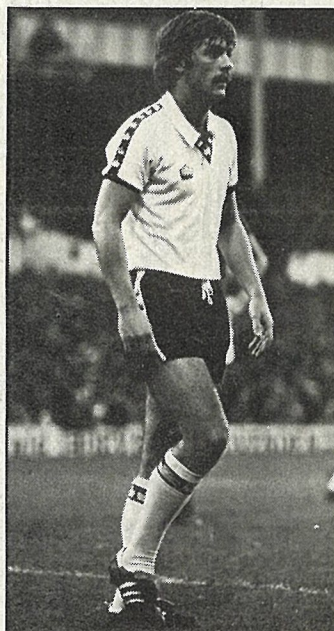
GLENN HODDLE: Midfielder signed professional in April, 1975. England Under-21 international and a great prospect. Born Hayes. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.6. L. App.— 67 and 1 sub. G.— 11.

JIM HOLMES: Defender signed from Coventry City for £80,000 in March, 1977. A regular in the Republic of Ireland international. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L. App.— Coventry 122 and 6 sub, Spurs 29. G.— Coventry 7, Spurs 1.

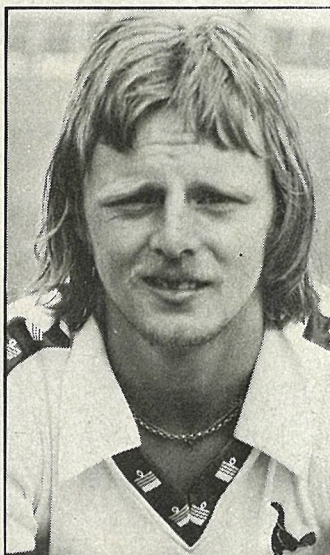
CHRIS JONES: Striker signed professional in May, 1973. One of the few Channel Islands players who have played professional soccer. Born Jersey. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.7. L. App.— 80 and 9 sub. G.— 18.

COLIN LEE: Striker signed from Torquay United in October, 1977, for £60,000. Born Plymouth. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.9. L. App.— Hereford (Loan) 7 and 2 sub, Torquay 36, Spurs 7 and 1 sub. G.— Torquay 14, Spurs 7.

JIMMY HOLMES



NEIL McNAB



Colin Lee (number 10) is congratulated by Peter Taylor on his debut v. Bristol Rovers. Spurs won 9-0 and Lee scored four goals.



DON McALLISTER: Defender who came to White Hart Lane as a full-back from Bolton Wanderers in February, 1975, at a cost of £80,000 and has been converted this season into a central defender. Born Radcliffe. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App.— Bolton 155 and 1 sub, Spurs 61 and 3 sub. G.— Bolton 2, Spurs 3.

NEIL McNAB: Exciting young Scottish midfielder signed from Morton in June, 1974, and this season has become an automatic choice for the League side. Born Greenock. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.0. L. App.— Morton 11 and 3 sub, Spurs 42 and 9 sub. G.— Spurs 1.

IAN MOORES: England Under-23 striker signed from Stoke City for £80,000 in August, 1976. Not a regular in the League side but scored a hat-trick in Spurs' 9-0 victory over Bristol Rovers this season. Born Chesterton. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12.8. L. App.— Stoke 40 and

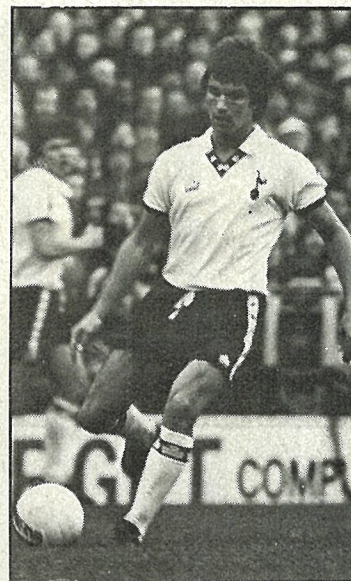
10 sub, Spurs 23 and 1 sub. G.— Stoke 14, Spurs 6.

TERRY NAYLOR: Defender signed professional in July, 1969. Born London. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.10. L. App.— 195 and 5 sub.

STEVE PERRYMAN: Defender and skipper of Tottenham. Signed professional in January, 1969. Joint record holder for England Under-23 appearances with 17. Born London. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.10. L. App.— 331. G.— 21.

JOHN PRATT: Midfielder or defender signed professional in January, 1969. Born London. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 10.3. L. App.— 234 and 17 sub. G.— 28.

PETER TAYLOR: Winger signed from Crystal Palace for £200,000 in October, 1976. England Under-23 international with four full caps. Born Southend. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L. App.— Southend 57 and 18 sub, Crystal Palace 122, Spurs 54 and 1 sub. G.— Southend 12, Crystal Palace 33, Spurs 15.



JOHN PRATT

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug 20	Sheffield U.	H	4-2
24	Blackburn R.	A	0-0
27	Notts Co.	H	2-1
Sept 3	Cardiff C.	A	0-0
10	Fulham	H	1-0
17	Blackpool	A	2-0
24	Luton T.	H	2-0
Oct 1	Orient	A	1-1
4	Hull C.	A	0-2
8	Oldham A.	H	5-1
15	Charlton A.	A	1-4
22	Bristol Rov.	H	9-0
29	Stoke C.	A	3-1
Nov 5	Burnley	H	3-0
12	C. Palace	A	2-1
19	Brighton	H	0-0
26	Bolton W.	A	0-1
Dec 3	Southampton	H	0-0
10	Sunderland	A	2-1
17	C. Palace	H	2-2
26	Millwall	A	3-1
27	Mansfield T.	H	1-1
31	Blackburn R.	H	4-0
Jan 2	Sheffield U.	A	2-2
14	Notts Co.	A	3-3
21	Cardiff C.	H	2-1
Feb 4	Fulham	A	1-1
11	Blackpool	H	2-2
22	Luton T.	A	
25	Orient	H	
Mar 4	Oldham A.	A	
11	Charlton A.	H	
18	Bristol R.	A	
22	Stoke C.	H	
25	Mansfield T.	A	
27	Millwall	H	
Apr 1	Burnley	A	
8	Bolton W.	H	
15	Brighton	A	
22	Sunderland	H	
26	Hull C.	A	
29	Southampton	A	

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IT'S enough to make you feel on top of the world when an English First Division club contacts your Dutch First Division club and asks how much they want for you.

That's how Ray Clarke, of Sparta, Rotterdam, felt when Bill McGarry of Newcastle United said he would like to have Clarke at St. James' Park. So the fee of around £240,000 was enough to send McGarry packing. But at least it proved he knew what he was talking about when he recommended Clarke to Sparta when he was knocking in the goals for Mansfield.

That deal cost Sparta £80,000, but when somebody like Clarke shows he can frighten off Dutch defenders it's no wonder his club have trebled his value. It proves also English clubs are not the only ones sending a titter of disbelief through the Continent when they name a price for a player.

Still, when, by mid-February, you are fourth joint top scorer in the Dutch chart with 13 League goals alone who can blame Sparta for wanting to hang on to their British possession?

Not that this kind of price will put Clarke in the Cruyff bracket. There's only one Cruyff; and Clarke's success has been largely

The soccer 'emigrant' whose transfer value has soared since moving from Mansfield to top Dutch side Sparta of Rotterdam



ABOVE, RIGHT ... Clarke (stripes) in action for Sparta Rotterdam.

ABOVE ... the former Mansfield striker insists he is no Johan Cruyff.

due to surprising the Dutch with his typically English approach to his role as a centre-forward.

Says Ray: "I took stick when I came here. Many people criticised me for the way I played, and some mentioned Cruyff, his technical ability and all that.

"I just told them I could get goals and I reckoned I was good in the box. I don't care how I score as long as the ball goes into the net. I got 18 last year, so I reckon I proved a point to those who didn't like the way I played.

"The lads at Sparta were good about it. They told me not to worry about technique. Even in training I am involved in practices such as crosses for my head and so on. After all, as a centre-forward that's

what I am there for. I've got no chance of trying to copy Cruyff.

"I must admit I found it easier at first because centre-backs in Holland aren't used to my type of forward, but you find your own problems as well. I noticed defenders move around more than they did at home, and I had to get used to the positions they were likely to take up.

"One thing I have got used to is life in Holland. I've settled now and made some good friends. Twelve months ago I really wanted to go home. I wasn't happy with everything Sparta did for me, but when we discussed a new contract we ironed out a few things and I must say they were very honest and straightforward with me. They admitted some mistakes and my second year here is 100 per cent better.

"Of course, one of the problems we had at first was the difficulty in

enjoying any social life, and we had to think about our children.

We have a boy who is now three and a half and a girl of two. We find we can get a baby-sitter when we want to go out and our family life is without problems at the moment.

"I have a good contract, but I know I can earn more if Sparta want to keep me. They may not offer top money, but if you laughed about the figures of around £400-plus a week Joe Jordan was supposed to have turned down from Ajax, you can take it from me there are clubs who can improve on that.

"We live in a club house about 20 kilometres from the ground, but I would like to own my own for tax purposes. The trouble is they are very pricey here. Houses for sale being built locally will go for something between £50,000 and £90,000!

"It will be a pity if Cruyff does not go to Argentina with Holland. But I still think they've got a good chance. They've character in the side and there are some good young players coming through. In Belfast they had to fight to beat Northern Ireland. They showed the right spirit.

"I can understand you asking why we get such small gates if we have a national team good enough to do really well in the World Cup Finals.

"To be honest I don't really know why. At the start of the season Sparta were up near the top of the First Division and we had about nine or ten thousand watching us. That's in a stadium that can hold 30,000. When we slipped down so did the crowd figures. I believe it is partly due to the fact the Dutch people are fickle. You've got to be winning to pull them in.

"I suppose in some ways the football is different here than at home. I talked to Clyde Best, the former West Ham forward playing for Feyenoord now. He said to me: 'People say Dutch football isn't nearly so hard. Don't you believe it. They can kick you if they want to.'

"I think he is right. It seems a long way back to my two and a half years with Tottenham, then ten months with Swindon and two years with Mansfield. Coming up from the English Third Division I have proved a lot to myself. I had an offer from Alan Dicks, the manager of Bristol City, and I suppose I have proved here what I had to get through to the top.

"I suppose watching English football on Dutch TV every weekend makes me feel I would like to be doing it in England myself. That's where I started and in many ways I'd like to go back to prove I can do it to people who doubted my ability.

"The future? Well, I'm 25 now and my contract finishes at the end of this season. I'm not being cocky or greedy but I've got to look for

security. That means in my book a four-year contract. Two years go so quickly and when you reach 25 you've got to think about the future. To me it all depends on what is around the corner.

"I speak enough Dutch to get by, but everyone here speaks English anyway.

"Where I play after my contract ends is up to Sparta and the other clubs. I must consider my future and if Sparta want to keep me they should be prepared to offer me good terms to keep us both happy."

If Ray Clarke continues finding the net as he did in the first-half of the season that should present only a minor problem to the financial wizards at Sparta. After all, whatever your technique, as Clarke points out, it's goals that count. And his message on that front has been loud and clear. Now the rest is up to Sparta.

A "TREBLE" FOR RAY CLARKE

'NO HAPPY RETURN FOR

I'VE been branded . . . accused of not bothering about my fans.

A letter from Mr. John Bream, who lives near Sittingbourne in Kent, says he's written to me twice without a reply.

"There must be hundreds of people still waiting to hear from you," he said. "I expect you throw all fan mail straight into the wastepaper bin."

"I got the same treatment from Sean Connery. I wrote to him six times without an answer. You so-called stars are all the same."

Sorry, Mr. Bream. Obviously I can't speak for the former James Bond, but I can assure you and all readers I do try and answer most of the letters I get.

Some I can't possibly reply too. You wouldn't believe how many people forget to include their addresses.

And sometimes the writing is so bad I can't decipher it.

A few, from abroad, I have to get translated first. At the moment a friend is working on a couple of letters from SHOOT readers in Rome. I didn't realise the magazine was on sale out there.

I normally leave my mail until it builds up and then spend a couple of evenings a week working until I clear the backlog.

At the moment I've got three dozen autographed photographs to send out. My problem is getting the right-sized envelopes . . . those with hard-backs.

When to worry

Honestly, I do appreciate hearing from United fans and SHOOT readers. It's nice to know I'm so popular. When people stop writing or wanting my autograph . . . then I'll worry.

Anyhow, I want to answer a few more letters in this week's column.

First off the pile is one from David Spencer, from Wanstead in East London.

David asks just how difficult it is to play for a club as famous as Manchester United.

"They are the most popular club in Britain and as such are EXPECTED to do well," he says.

How right you are, Dave. It's a hell of a job being a United player. The pressures are enormous. Every other club wants to beat us. Matches are like Cup Finals.

Because United have such a high standing we aren't play below form.

The eyes of the media and hundreds of thousands of supporters throughout the country are always on us.

But despite the pressure-cooker atmosphere I love it. It's something very special playing for one of the most famous clubs in the world. You feel important . . . part of the tradition.

Mind you, there are times when I wish I could relax a bit more. Kick it all into touch . . . enjoy myself. But then I wouldn't have the financial rewards that go with the job. You can't have it both ways.

"Which game this season has

given you most satisfaction?" asks Mike Taylor, from Macclesfield.

Beating Derby County 4-0 at Old Trafford on January 21st, Mike.

Tommy Docherty's Rams were going well at the time and many critics expected a happy return to Old T. for our old boss.

The fans gave him a warm reception, but the lads in the team weren't quite so charitable . . . on the pitch.

Everything clicked into gear for United that afternoon. We showed our true form and character.

Apart from that I scored two goals, one from the penalty-spot. Pancho Pearson and Martin Buchan — his first for a long while —

Paddy Roche . . . the happy family man.



completed the rout of Derby.

George Roberts, from Liverpool, wants to know the players who have impressed me most so far this term.

Derek Statham, the young West Brom full-back, looks a great prospect. Right out of the Terry Cooper mould, Derek must surely win full international honours for England soon.

I also liked the look of the Coventry pair, Ian Wallace and Mick Ferguson. A powerful duo up-front for The Sky Blues.

"I've seen Nottingham Forest three times this season," writes John Turner from Leicester, "and although they won each game didn't really impress me as Championship material."

"This season's First Division must be the weakest for years if Forest can beat the likes of Liverpool to the title."

I agree it is the poorest Division One for some time, John. That's because teams such as Liverpool are either recuperating or rebuilding, or both.

Manchester City, Everton and even Manchester United are all in the process of strengthening squads.

The Championship was wide open from the start. The team that showed the most consistency would win it. That side is Forest.

I must admit they've proved me and many other people wrong by lasting the pace.



Gordon scores his first goal against Derby at Old Trafford this season. (Below) Big Joe Jordan has settled down well at United. Here he chats with 17-year-old Welsh apprentice John Lucas.

my soccer scene GORDON HILL

They also showed against Leeds in their League Cup Semi-Final first-leg tie at Elland Road they have the reserve strength to stay there.

Without Cup-tied stars Peter Shilton, Archie Gemmill and Dave Needham they destroyed Leeds by 3-1.

So superior were Forest on the night it was almost embarrassing to watch. Brian Clough, certainly showed Leeds fans what they've missed.

Remember he was given the sack by the club after only 44 days as manager before Jimmy Armfield took over.

The big test for Forest will come next season, when other clubs will have assessed their style . . . got used to their methods.

Several readers want to know my worst moment of the season. That's easy . . . United getting knocked out of the F.A. Cup at West Brom in the Fourth Round replay after playing so well in both matches . . . and being left out of the side that played at Carlisle in the Third.

The manager, Dave Sexton, decided to drop me as a tactical move. Naturally I was very upset. It was a real blow to my pride.

I was recalled for the replay at Old Trafford, which United won 4-2, so it worked out in the end.

In fact, being dropped has helped me in a way. I'm now more determined than ever to do well for the team this season. I'm not used to



being dropped . . . and it hurt.

Many of you also want to know if our new £350,000 striker Joe Jordan has settled down at Old T.

Yes, the big feller is delighted with the move. He gets on well with all the lads, even the youngsters at the club. On the field Joe is as hard as nails. Off the park he is one of the quietest, friendliest guys I know.

Considering he's been given a different role to play here than at Leeds, Joe has settled down quickly.

They have a slower approach and like to knock the ball about more.

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ing in the reserves and helping the youngsters all he can.

Marian Easter, from Upminster in Essex, wants to know if Paddy is married.

Yes — and happily to Harriet. And they have two little girls. Most of the other lads are married or engaged.

I agree that being married and with responsibilities does help a player mature and develop. Behind every top star, there's normally a Champion wife.

That's all the space I have left for your letters I'm afraid. But keep them coming, won't you?

Just enough time to mention United's match against Middlesbrough at Old Trafford this Saturday (March 4th).

We beat them 2-0 in last season's corresponding fixture, at Old T., but lost 2-1 at Ayresome Park this term.

However, Boro will be without Graeme Souness (now at Liverpool, of course) this Saturday so that will leave them weaker.

Players to watch? I'm a great admirer of forward David Mills and full-back John Craggs.

John and I are good mates and have had some stirring tussles in the past.

Even though United have dropped some silly points at home this season, I can't really see us losing to Boro.

All the best for now . . .

Gordon Hill

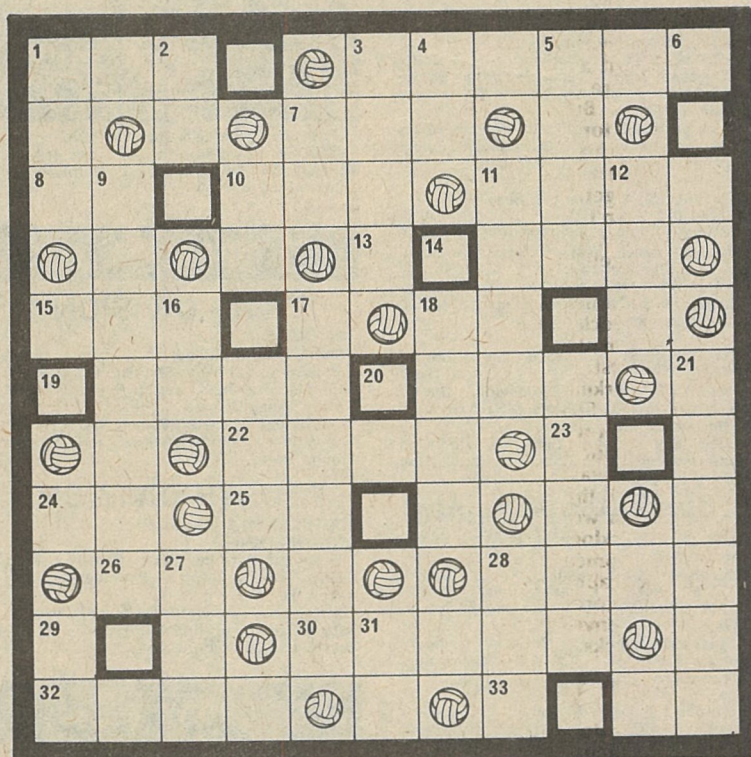
United attack all the time and have two wingers sending over crosses. Joe will prove a very valuable asset to the club, believe me.

"I don't want to put you on the spot," says Donald Cooper from Newcastle, "but what is your opinion of Paddy Roche as a 'keeper?"

Paddy's done a great job since taking over from Alex Stepney. He's grabbed his chance with both hands and has established himself as our number one. I'm delighted for Pad.

Big Al has accepted the situation like the real pro. he is. United's last survivor from the side that won the European Cup in 1968, Alex is play-

Go for the Double



After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds United international player. Answers on page 38.

ACROSS:—

- (1) Take an active part in the game.
- (3) — Bank, ground of Lincoln City.
- (7) — Lofthouse, former famous centre-forward for Bolton and England.
- (8) — Gate, Bristol City's ground.
- (11) The number of times Spurs have won the F.A. Cup.
- (13) A hard, forceful shot.
- (15) G---i-on Pa-k (Everton). Entrances from the omissions.
- (18) — Copley, midfielder with Aston Villa.
- (19) — Park, home of Stenhousemuir.
- (22) Aber---- require this backwards!
- (23) Crystal Pal--- from Selhurst Park.
- (24) West Ham play at ---ton Park.
- (25) -d-ar--reet (Hereford United). Obtains from the missing letters.
- (26) Queen — the South.
- (28) Slide or slip sideways.
- (29) Phil P--k-s, Q.P.R. 'keeper.
- (30) — City from The Victoria Ground.
- (32) Alex ----ney, Man. Utd. 'keeper.
- (33) Country in the same World Cup Group as Scotland.

DOWN:—

- (1) Fred --th-rd of Cardiff City.
- (2) Kenny D-Igli-- of Liverpool.
- (3) The ----grounders, nickname of Southport.
- (4) Les --bbott (Ipswich Town). The omissions reversed.
- (5) Chelsea's new star winger.
- (6) Gordon —, Everton manager.
- (9) — County. Fourth Division club from Edgeley Park.
- (10) Showing signs of fatigue.
- (11) Take four letters from Mansfield for a tool.
- (12) Anger or irritate.
- (14) Attacks; on the opponents' goal, for instance.
- (15) Ted Mac--ugall of Southampton.
- (16) J--n Bond, manager of Norwich City.
- (17) -ri--tfi--d-tadium (Gillingham). "Rests" from the missing letters.
- (20) ---ch Field, home of Swansea City.
- (21) Tough fibrous tissue connecting muscle to some other part — of the leg, for instance.
- (27) ---thams Ground, Darlington.
- (28) Ray W-I-in- (Chelsea). Snow runner from the omissions reversed.
- (29) Gordon B-nk-, former famous 'keeper for England.
- (31) Lu--n Town from Kenilworth Road.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Towner)
NOTTS CO (2) 2 (Winter 2) 23,590
Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Mellor, Clark, O'Sullivan (Potts).
Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, McVay, Bradd, Mann, Vinter (Hooks).

CHELSEA (3) 6 (Droy, Wicks, Swain pen., Walker, Langley, Wilkins, R)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Fletcher, Kindon) 32,168
Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Finnieston, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochran, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Newton (Morley).

MILLWALL (2) 4 (Pearson 3, Seasman)
LUTON (0) 0 8,763
Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Seasman, Hamilton, Lee, Chambers.
Luton: Knight; Price, Carr, Hill, Faulkner, Fitcher (P), Husband, Jones, Fitcher (R), Fucillo, Boersma.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 2 (Robertson, Withe)
MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Kidd) 38,509
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
Man C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen (Channon), Barnes, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

(Fourth Round replay)

Q.P.R. (1) 6 (Givens, Hollins, Busby 2, Bowles pen., James)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Robson) 24,057
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Abbott, Shanks, Busby, James, Bowles, Givens.
West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Holland, Hales.

Postponed: Bolton v Mansfield

THIRD DIVISION

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Turner)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Green) 2,018
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Griffin, Turner, Keay, Nixon, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Loughnane, Maguire.
Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Green, Chamberlain, Dearden.

Postponed: Fourth Division: Newport v Barnsley
Scottish Cup: Vale of Leithen v Queen's Park; Airdrie v Hearts; St Mirren v Kilmarnock

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

DERBY (2) 2 (Daly, Masson)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Bertschin) 31,955
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Rioch, Daniel, Powell, Curran (Crawford), Daly, Masson, George, Ryan.
Birmingham: Smith; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Emmanuel, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon.

(Fourth Round replay)

W.B.A. (1) 3 (Brown, T, Regis 2)
MAN. U. (1) 2 (Pearson, Hill) 38,000
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile (Hughes), Robson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Johnston.
Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McLroy, Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Jordan, Pearson, Macari, Hill.

Postponed: Bolton v Mansfield; Stoke v Blyth Spartans; Wrexham v Newcastle

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE (0) 0
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Parker) 1,603
Crewe: Crudgington; Bevan, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully (Davies, W).
Southend: Burridge; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Moody, Morris (Young), Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Fell.



TOM RITCHIE, Bristol City

Postponed: Scottish Cup: Celtic v Dundee; Partick v Cowdenbeath; St Johnstone v Brechin; Stirling v Clydebank; Dumbarton v Alloa; Montrose v Q. of S.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley) 4,823
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts (Bramhall), Evans, Peplow, Palios, James, Tynan, Allen.
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Buckley (Murray), Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Cozens, Streete, Smith, Finney, Biley.

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Abbott 2)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 6,879
Southend: Burridge; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Fell.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Czuczman, Bridges, Heron, Grimes, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg (Davy).

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Macdonald o.g.) 30,127
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Hudson, Rix.
Villa: Rimmer; Gregory, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Deehan, Cowans, Carrodus.

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Gallagher)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Craggs, Mills) 14,302
Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Emmanuel, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon.
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, Johnston, Armstrong.

BRISTOL C (3) 3 (Ritchie, Royle, Whitehead)
NORWICH (0) 0 16,929
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Mann, Ritchie, Royle, Cormack, Whitehead.
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, McGuire, Suggett, Gibbins, Reeves (Neighbour), Peters.

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Ferguson)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 28,965
Coventry: Blyth; Roberts (Nardiello), McDonald, Gooding, Osgood, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hansen, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, Souness, Callaghan.

EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford 2)
LEICESTER (0) 0 33,677
Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Telfer (Wright).
Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Kember, Sims, Webb, Weller, Kelly, Davies, Salmon, Hughes.

IPSWICH (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 1 (Gray, E) 24,023
Ipswich: Davies; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Roberts, Wark, Viljoen, Geddis, Turner, Woods.

Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, Parkinson, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Currie, Flynn, Graham.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 2 (Woodcock, McGovern)
WOLVES (0) 0 28,803
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Berry, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Daly.

Postponed: Derby v Chelsea; Man. U v Man. C; Q.P.R. v West Ham; W.B.A. v Newcastle.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (3) 5 (Hutton 4, Waldron)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Waddington, Hird pen.) 12,416
Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, Hart, McEwan, Thompson, Ronson, Chandler, Walsh, Hutton, Waldron.
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Wood, Wagstaffe, Hargreaves, Taylor.

BURNLEY (2) 3 (Kindon 2, Cochran)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 3 (MacDougall, Boyer, Peach) 10,590
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Newton, Cochran, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.
Southampton: Turner; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes (Hebberd), Andruszewski.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Greenaway)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Taylor) 24,758
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant (Mahoney), Lacy, Money, Greenaway, Gale, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.
Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddie, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.

HULL (1) 1 (Hoult)
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Poskett) 4,545
Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Nisbet, Lord, Hawley, Hoult, Galvin (Bannister).
Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Poskett, Clark, O'Sullivan.

ORIENT 0
CHARLTON 0 abandoned at half-time 8,085
Postponed: Cardiff v Notts Co; Luton v Bristol R; Millwall v Mansfield; Oldham v Bolton; Sheff. U v Stoke; Sunderland v C. Palace.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (2) 3 (Livermore 2, Oakes)
BRADFORD (1) 2 (Cooke, Ratcliffe) 2,957
Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards (I), Phillips, Crossley.
Bradford: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Podd, Watson (Ratcliffe), Middleton, Fretwell, Johnson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

OXFORD (1) 1 (Seacole)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Westwood) 4,738
Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale, Briggs, Clarke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Seacole, Foley, Curran, Duncan.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherley, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Harding) 5,316
Peterborough: Barron; Hughes, Lee, McEwan, Turner, Ross, Slough, Doyle, Sargent, Carmichael (Robson), Anderson.
Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wigginton, Cooper, Jones, Harford, Graham, Hubbard, Harding.

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Taylor)
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Rowles) 4,639
Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Bason (Horswill), Banton, Foster, Taylor, Megson, Austin, Craven, Delve.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Foley, Dowman, Packer, Leslie, Gough, Rowles, Allinson, Dyer.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Whittle) 9,223
Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Taylor, Denyer, Hand, Ellis, Piper (Green), Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.
Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Griffiths.

PRESTON (0) 2 (Bruce 2 pns)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Tait) 9,095
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
Carlisle: Swinburne; Collins, McCartney, McDonald, Lathan, Carr, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

Postponed: Bury v Walsall; Chesterfield v Swindon; Port Vale v Exeter; Rotherham v Hereford; Shrewsbury v Sheff. Wed.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 3 (Cunningham, Finnigan, Kruse o.g.)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (McCulloch, Sweetzer) 3,417
Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown, Cave, Paterson, Showers, Finnigan (Shanahan), Lennard, Riley.
Brentford: Bond; Salman, Allen, Smith, Kruse, Shrubbs, Graham (J), Sweetzer, Alder (Graham, W), McCulloch, Phillips.

DARLINGTON (2) 2 (Jones, Wann pen.)
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Clark) 1,477
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochran, Hague, Craig, Young, Maitland, Lyons, Jones, Seal, Wann.
Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizlewood, Walker (S), Walker (R), Jones (Preece), Sinclair, Goddard, Clark, Relish, Williams.

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Owen)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,147
Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Taylor, O'Riordan, Miller, Owen, O'Callaghan, Bentley, Habbins.
Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick (Massey), Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Lawler.

GRIMSBY (0) 3 (Hanvey, Donovan 2)
YORK (1) 2 (Staniforth, Scott) 3,282
Grimsby: Bath; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell (Drinkell), Partridge, Donovan, Cumming, Brolly.
York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki (Hope), Hunter, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Mead)
SOUTHPORT (0) 0 2,374
Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Hall, Reilly, Christie.
Southport: Cumbs; Higham, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Kisby, Wilson, Ashworth, Gay, Jones.

Postponed: Barnsley v Aldershot; Crewe v Halifax; Huddersfield v Watford; Reading v Torquay; Rochdale v Swansea; Wimbledon v Hartlepool.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Fleming) 3,231
Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Murphy, Fleming, Hyslop, Hannah, McCall, McSherry, Masterton, McLaughlin, Sim (Christie).
Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Kirkwood, Bourke (Wallace), Addison, Payne.

MOTHERWELL 0
ABERDEEN 0 8,845
Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson, Miller (J) (Clinging).
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Sullivan, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson.

RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 17,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Greig, Miller, Jackson, McDonald, McLean (McKean), Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper (Parlane).
Clydebank: Gallagher; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, McColl, Murray (Ronald), McCallan, Lumsden.

ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Reid)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Craig pen.) 8,893
St Mirren: Hunter; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Reid, McAveety, McGarvey, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, Torrance (Richardson).
Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Anderson, Campbell, Gibson, Houston, Frame, O'Hara, Craig, Love.

Postponed: Celtic v Hibernian.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.



Martin O'Neill (left) and John McGovern (centre) combine to beat Arsenal's Sammy Nelson during Forest's 3-0 defeat at Highbury.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

Features: Players involved in Cup-ties assess their chances of reaching the Semi-Finals + Spotlights on Derby County and Orient + Scotland's young managers + A player from each Division of the Football League selects the best and worst teams he has played against so far + Ruud Krol of Holland in our World Cup captains series + We single out the most promising young full-backs in English football + Facts and figures about the long-serving clubs in the Football League First

Division + Our look at Tranmere, 'Merseyside's third club' + Player pieces about Brian Flynn of Leeds United, Bob Hatton of Blackpool and Sammy Chapman, Notts County captain + all the regular items.

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have made mistakes in Europe — and paid for them. It's as simple as that. This season was a disaster.

We were drawn against the highly competent Twente Enschede, of Holland, and we knew it would be difficult. They came to Ibrox for the first-leg and defended in depth. It's a frustrating tactic, but playing against it you must not lose your head and throw caution to the wind.

Their captain that night was a fellow named Drost and I thought he was brilliant. I didn't appreciate it at the time, though!

In the return I had to stay at home through injury. I was kept in touch of what was happening in Holland by a newspaper mate of mine and that news wasn't good. We lost 3-0 and I watched it later on the television. There can be no gripes. Twente went for goals . . . and got them. They reversed their tactics entirely.

We will have to be more Continental in our approach. We must remember that the game is played over TWO legs. You can win away from home, too, as some of the

best clubs have proved.

Okay, so why do I think this Rangers' side might go all the way next season? You just have to watch us these days to get that answer. There is a fabulous team spirit here . . . one of the greatest I have ever witnessed in all my years at Ibrox.

So many players want the ball. You always have alternatives and the players are fighting and running for each other. Also there seems to be a good balance in the team.

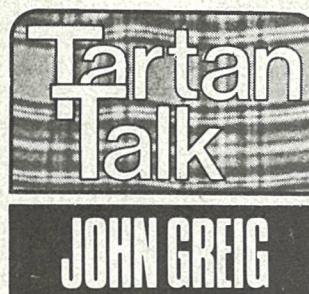
I have already praised young Bobby Russell in this column and I make no apologies for doing so again. He is a very tidy player in the middle of the park and a lot of things happen when he is on the ball.

Alex MacDonald, too, is having a great term. He is extremely consistent and I don't think he gets the credit he deserves for his astute play. "Doddie", as he is known to everyone at Ibrox, is a great competitor and a player who is ideally suited to European ties.

And what about Derek Johnstone and Gordon Smith up-front? They look as though they have been playing alongside each other for years. I don't know how any team could stop this dynamic duo from scoring goals regularly.

Davie Cooper, too, is settling in nicely and it's good to see Sandy Jardine back to his international best. Sandy has been unlucky with injuries but he is now over the worst of them, I'm glad to say.

I don't like to look too far forward. We still have to win that League title and we will continue



ONE of the saddest nights of my soccer career took place in Nuremberg, West Germany, on May 31, 1967.

That was the night Rangers lost 1-0 to Bayern Munich in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final with a goal in extra-time. Celtic, our great rivals, had just won the European Cup one week previously and we all realised what it would mean to Scotland if we could pull off the double.

It's history now we didn't manage it. We tried hard, but it wasn't to be. Five years later we did eventually win the trophy when we beat Moscow Dynamo in Barcelona, but since then our record in Europe has hardly been impressive. I THINK IT IS TIME WE BROUGHT ANOTHER EUROPEAN TROPHY TO GLASGOW!

We are odds-on favourites to win the Premier Division and, all going well, that will give us yet another crack at the big one, the European Cup, next season. A trophy I would dearly love to win.

Let's look at things logically. I can't play forever. I would like to, but it is just not on, unfortunately. I can't have that long to go and it is next season or never for the European Cup.

Do you know only 12 Scottish players have a European Cup winners' medal? That Celtic team of '67, plus Paddy Crerand who won one with Manchester United the following year at Wembley. I wouldn't mind another 11 Scottish names being added to that list . . . the Rangers' team of next term!

It can happen, you know. We

'WINNING THE EUROPEAN CUP — NEXT SEASON OR NEVER FOR ME'



Rangers were knocked out of this season's European Cup-Winners' Cup by Twente Enschede (dark strip) 3-0 on aggregate.

to take each game as it comes, but there is a dream I have of yours truly lifting that European Cup with it bedecked in blue, red and white.

Don't laugh, it could happen. Who would have thought that Liverpool's iron man Tommy Smith would have been scoring in a European Cup Final last season! Anything can happen in soccer . . . and I'm hoping it does.

That's all for this week. See you in a fortnight . . .

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CELTIC'S DANNY
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FULL NAME: Vivian Anderson
BIRTHPLACE: Nottingham
BIRTHDATE: 29th July, 1956
HEIGHT: 6ft 1in
WEIGHT: 11st 7lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: No
FAVOURITE PLAYER: I have many
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPO-
NENT: They're all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE
MATCH: Beating United 4-0 at Old Trafford this season
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning promotion
BIGGEST DISAPPOINT-
MENT: Being injured — and losing
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and gammon
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Tennis, squash, snooker
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad manners, 12-1 o'clock on Saturdays
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: When The Boat Comes In, all sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: I have lots
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACT-
RESS: Clint Eastwood, Hilda Ogden from Coronation Street
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The Forest staff, in particular Bert Johnson (now with Derby)
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling, losing
INTERNATIONAL HON-
OURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and successful
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: One day, to play for England
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOT-
BALLER WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'D BE? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE
WORLD WOULD YOU MOST
LIKE TO MEET? Clint Eastwood

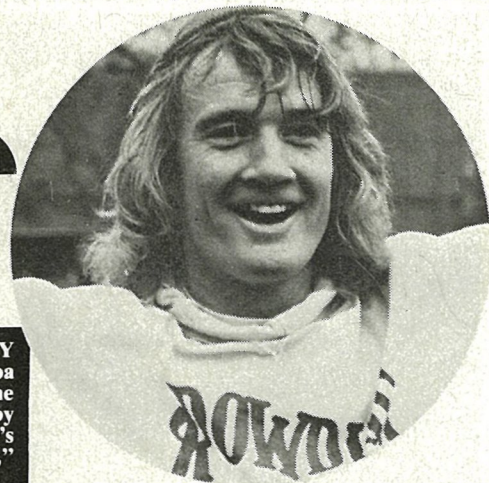
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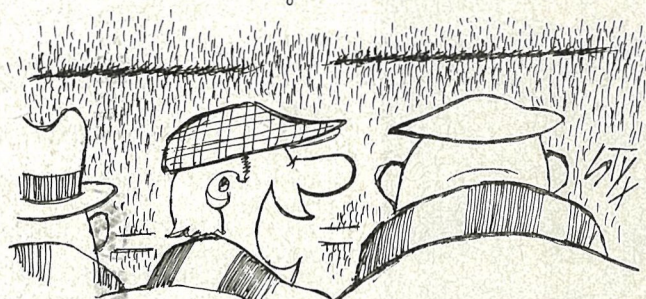
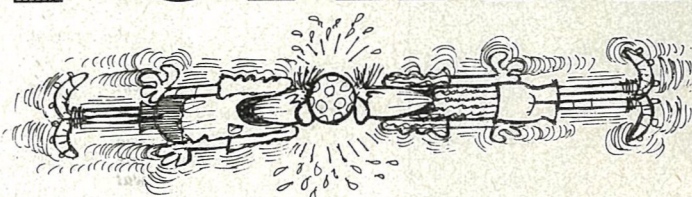
Viv Anderson

Nottingham Forest

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week **RODNEY MARSH**, star of Tampa Bay Rowdies, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx. "He's my favourite joke man," said Hot Rod.



"That's what I call a confrontation of two big heads"



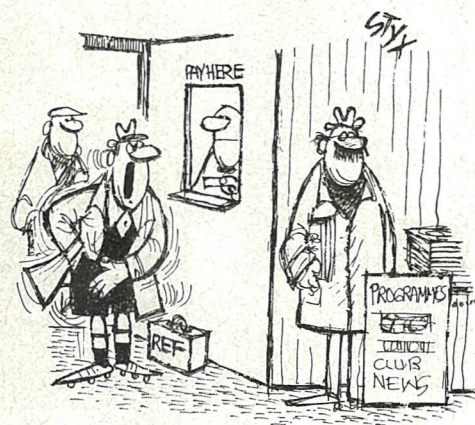
"But, fellas — what makes you think I'm not trying?"



"Kick-off time and the moment of truth, Joe. Can our defence contain that £450,000 striker of theirs?"



"Tell the sub to warm up"



"Surely the financial position of the club can't be *that* bad?"

NOBBY

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I KNOW I HAD A STINKER!



ANYONE CAN HAVE OFF DAYS YOU KNOW!



YES, BUT HOW COME YOURS ARE ALWAYS ON A SATURDAY?



THERE'S NO ANSWER TO THAT!



ALTHOUGH he won't be playing in the World Cup Finals, former West Germany captain Franz Beckenbauer will still earn a lot of money from the competition. With a sports journalist, Franz is writing a book about the Finals. After watching the matches on television, the reporter will phone the Cosmos star for his opinions. I understand advance orders for the book are already 500,000, which means at least £125,000 for Beckenbauer.

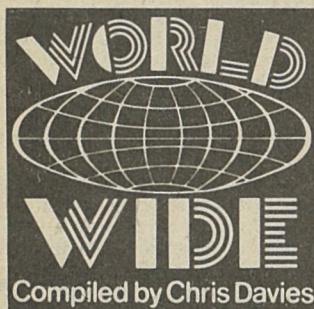
JEALOUS WIFE

ARGENTINIAN player Ramon Chaquito was almost handed a lengthy suspension when he didn't turn up for an important League game.

His excuse: his wife didn't want him to go. Neighbours were called as witnesses and Chaquito was acquitted.

Apparently his wife had gone out and locked him in. The player lives on the fifth floor, so couldn't get out via the window.

His wife is a very jealous person and was afraid Ramon would meet some attractive girls after the game!



APPARENTLY the Argentinian F.A. has no money to spare to offer their players bonuses for the friendlies during spring.

SNOW BUSINESS? NO BUSINESS!

SPAIN isn't exactly renowned for its heavy snowfalls, so when a blizzard does roll in off the mountains it usually catches the clubs with their snowshoes off.

And Rayo Vallecano were no exception when bad weather recently hit Madrid. They found six inches of snow on their ground only two hours before the kick-off of their Sunday morning fixture against Atlético Madrid, so it had to be cleared in a hurry.

Rayo offered volunteers £7 a head in cash and a free £5 seat for the game if they'd get stuck in with shovel and broom.

Believe it or not, there were no takers! The pitch was finally cleared by club employees and club directors.

BRAZIL DECIDE - NO MARINHO

FRANCISCO Marinho, the fallen star of Brazil, is definitely out of their World Cup squad. According to my information, the 25-year-old blond full-back will play no part in Brazil's plans for Argentina following a dramatic loss of form due to his wild life-style.

I understand coach Claudio Coutinho has pencilled in 28 names from which his final squad of 22 will be selected:

GOALKEEPERS

Leao and Carlos, plus either Wendell or Paul

DEFENDERS

Luiz Pereira (even if Atlético Madrid release him very late), Oscar, Amaral, Tonino, Edinho and Rodrigues Neto plus Ze Maria, Nelinho Rondineli or Marinho Peres

MIDFIELDERS

Rivelino, Cerezo, Zico, Batista plus possibly Paulo Cesar Carpegiani (white)

FORWARDS

Right-wing: Gil or Tarcisco; centre-forward: Roberto, Reinaldo, Jorge Mendonca or Palinha; left-wing: Dircea (certain) plus Adilio or the black Paulo Cesar.

Poor old Francisco Marinho ... his replacement, Edinho, doesn't even play at left-back for his club, Fluminense ...

SCHOEN SLAMS U.S. SOCCER SCENE

WEST GERMANY manager Helmut Schoen, probably the most respected voice in world football, is not a fan of American soccer.

Schoen has criticised the Americans for the way they're attempting to make the game catch on in the States. He said: "They're going about it wrongly. You can't build soccer from professional level downwards, as the Americans are doing."

"Football needs a good, strong base from which to work — otherwise it's like building a house starting with the roof!"

"The solid base, which the Americans don't have, depends on having top quality coaches for their younger players. Soccer must start at school level, not veterans who are past their best."

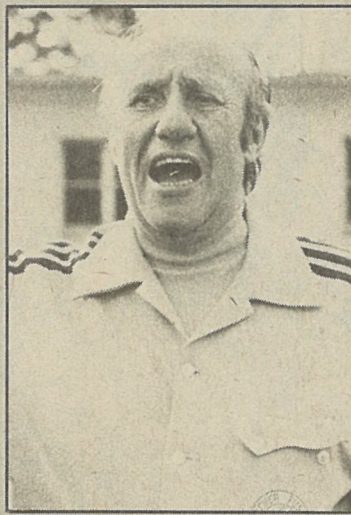
"The Americans still have a lot of work to do, but I hope it catches on."

"Foreigners are bad for their game because they stop the development of American players. Nearly all the footballers brought to America are nearing the ends of their careers."

"An exception is Franz Beckenbauer, but overall the 'imports' can't give American soccer much of a boost."

"I wouldn't go to the United States for any amount of money. I'd be the wrong man to work out there."

"American soccer is too involved



with promotion and advertising, so I'd be out of place. I prefer to leave such a job to someone who believes that all it takes to be successful is a lot of money."

"I couldn't say if the U.S. national side will ever make an impact in the World Cup. It all depends on good coaches at youth level. As I said, you can't always buy success."

BOY KILLED ACCIDENTALLY IN ARGENTINA

AN 11-year-old boy recently met a tragic death when he was shot at the start of the National League match between Talleres and Newell's Old Boys in Córdoba, Argentina — the city where Scotland will be playing in June.

A policeman was patrolling the stadium when he heard shouts of "stop thief."

He turned round in time to see a man racing past, hotly pursued by another. The policeman joined the chase and brought down the thief with a spectacular rugby tackle.

Tragically, his juddering fall set off his loaded pistol, and the stray bullet hit the boy, who was calmly watching the match high up in the stand.

There was another death, in Spain, where a man fell from his perch among the girders of the stand during the match between Cádiz and Valencia.

The moral here is clearly: "Keep your feet on the ground" and don't start climbing to get a better view. It could be the last view you'll ever have.

NEWS FLASHES

Tunisia, World Cup Finalists, were surprisingly knocked out of the African Cup by Libya. However, Chetali, the Tunisia manager, fielded his 'B' team because the national side is preparing for Argentina. (See adjacent story.)

Former Luton star Peter Anderson, now in Belgium with Antwerp FC, is joining San Diego Sockers in the U.S.A.

The President of the Peru F.A. has bought 18 of the official World Cup footballs made by Adidas so his team can get used to them.

Bayern Munich haven't won an away game in the Bundesliga since 27th November, 1976. Since then, they've earned just six points from a possible 40, scoring 16 goals and conceding 49.

Swiss referees enabled Israeli football to go ahead after local referees went on strike. The Israel F.A. imported six top Swiss officials and the First Division programme went ahead as usual.

Peru striker Teofilio Cubillas is in good form. He's helped his club, Alianza Lima, to the Peruvian title scoring 22 goals in 35 games.

Yugoslavia ace Dragan Dzajic could be joining the Chicago Sting.

Argentina have five games lined-up before the World Cup Finals ... two against Brazil in the Copa Roca (19th and 23rd March home and away); then, in Buenos Aires, Bulgaria (March 29th), Bulgaria (April 5th) and Portugal (April 12th).

A goalkeeper in Tanzania was sent-off when the referee found out he had a supply of gin behind a goal-post. Apparently the 'keeper had been taking regular swigs and the ref noticed he was behaving strangely!

NO ONE WILL PLAY TUNISIA

WORLD CUP newcomers Iran and Tunisia are both in urgent need of experience against European-type football if they are to achieve anything in Argentina. Their respective managers know it, but they are getting different responses when they approach the Europeans for a game.

Iran have already had Russia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary visit them in Tehran and in April they will play host to Yugoslavia and Mexico. In May they have games lined up in Europe against club sides and should be well prepared.

Tunisia, on the other hand, are being turned down by almost everyone they approach because they cannot offer the financial guarantees the Iranians can with the backing of the Shah and his oil revenue.

Tunisia have to be content with training at the West German facilities at Hennef and have so far only been able to confirm one game against a German Second Division club.



To help with interpreting, etc., each World Cup team will have its own representative. Sandra Craig will be Scotland's hostess and she is seen here with Ajordis Nilsson who will be with Sweden.

Sandra, 18, was born in Buenos Aires, but went to an English school. Her Scottish grandparents settled in Argentina and although Sandra has never been to Scotland, she is a fan of Highland dancing.

WHAT A CHOICE!

ETIENNE ORENS, who plays for Belgian Second Division side Racing Mechelen, was the victim of a rather unusual kidnapping recently. He was hi-jacked by the pupils at his school and to be freed he had two options ... to put his head in a bucket of water or drink six pints of beer one after the other.

He chose the latter and arrived for the home match against Saint Nicholas rather drunk. Needless to say, he didn't play!

SHOOT: Once again Poland are in the World Cup Finals. Were you always confident of making it?

DEYNA: Yes, once we defeated Portugal 2-0 early on in the competition I knew we were on our way. To beat your main rivals away from home is a great boost. I never had the slightest doubt we'd reach the Finals.

SHOOT: Which was your hardest qualifying tie?

DEYNA: Not one match, but two ... against Denmark in Copenhagen, and although we won 2-1, the Danes demonstrated first-class football. Then, against Portugal in Chorzow, our opponents fought bravely ... they had nothing to lose and battled every inch of the way. We, on the other hand, knew a draw would buy us those lovely air tickets to Argentina.



SHOOT: How does your present team compare with the one which excited us in West Germany in the 1974 Finals, when they finished third?

DEYNA: About half of our squad from 1974 is still in the selection. We were relatively unknown in West Germany and, I'd say, underrated. We have a lot of fresh youngsters coming through and I don't think our standard has dropped at all.

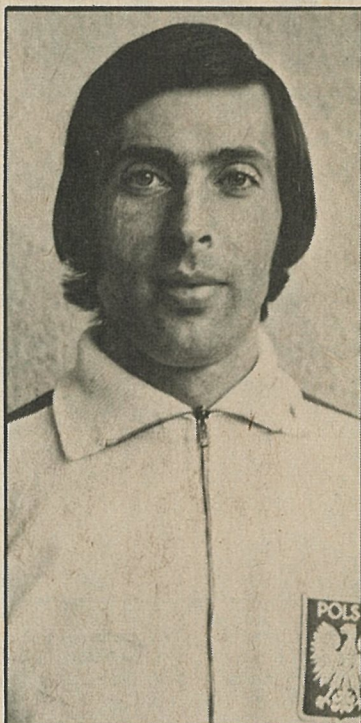
SHOOT: What about Wlodi Lubanski, who missed '74 because of injury?

DEYNA: I'm convinced Lubanski will join us this time. We should hit peak form if we steer clear of injuries. In the final count I pin a lot of hope on our tactical maturity and skill, which should be our trump card in Argentina. I'd say Wlodi is a sure-fire candidate. He proved himself in our matches against Denmark, scoring twice in Copenhagen. Bar injury, he's certain to be in our squad.

SHOOT: Your manager from '74, Gorski, has gone and his assistant, Jacek Gmoch, is now in charge. How has this affected the Polish team?

DEYNA: The twosome co-operated very well between the Munich Olympics in '72 and the World Cup two years later. One had what the other did not. Gorski was a sort of father-figure who knew how to work with players and was a good psychologist with a knack of inspiring everyone before a game. Gmoch is blessed with a more analytical mind. He is the one who does the programming, ready to draw heavily on all the research data available. Gmoch attaches particular importance to seemingly insignificant

'THERE ARE NO



details and never leaves any loose ends. He sets the most ambitious tasks for himself and his players. His motto is: "There are no impossible targets."

SHOOT: We heard after the last World Cup you were going to retire.

DEYNA: After West Germany I was tired and generally fed up with soccer. It's true I toyed with the idea of hanging up my boots, but this attitude failed to survive very long and I was soon enjoying my soccer again. Now, I feel I'm back to my best form, deriving immense pleasure from the game since I overcame that crisis.

SHOOT: As an amateur who has tasted success in professional

football, how much importance do you attach to the Olympic Games?

DEYNA: Poland won the gold medal in '72 and I regret we lost our Olympic crown to East Germany in Montreal. Who would say "no" to a second piece of Olympic gold? Victory was within our reach, but we failed.

SHOOT: Which is the more important to you — the Olympics or the World Cup?

DEYNA: The World Cup is certainly the more important because of its prestige. The best teams in the world take part, whereas in the Olympics sides of widely different competence enter. Countries boasting strong professional teams have to send non-professionals to represent them. Nevertheless, one should not be oblivious to the fact an Olympic victory is, after all, worth its weight in gold.

SHOOT: Would you like to play in Western Europe, where the financial rewards would be greater?

DEYNA: I have received many such offers but have turned them all down. I'm very attached to Legia Warsaw, with whom I have been

No. 5 KAZIMIERZ DEYNA Poland



ABOVE . . . Poland (right to left): Deyna, Tomaszewski, Zmuda, Kasperczak, Maculewicz, Rudy, Masztaler, Szarmach, Lato, Nawalka and Wzrowski. **LEFT . . .** Poland beat Brazil 1-0 to finish third in the '74 Finals.

for a dozen years.

SHOOT: But doesn't the idea of being rich appeal to you?

DEYNA: I've heard footballers in some countries make a lot of money. On reflection, if they're not giving crowds value for money, who would bother to have them? I wish I could know who is better-off; soccer stars or film stars.

SHOOT: What sort of a World Cup do you think it will be? Brilliant . . . average . . . or even poor?

DEYNA: This is hard to predict. The standard should not be much different from 1974. True, new

IMPOSSIBLE TARGETS'

teams have reached the Finals, but so have the "upper crust" from four years ago. If the latter reproduce their form from West Germany, their chances this time will be excellent.

SHOOT: West Germany will be without Franz Beckenbauer, who meant so much to them. As you open the tournament against the Germans, what are your feelings about his transfer to the Cosmos?

DEYNA: Being totally ignorant of Franz's motives, I can hardly comment on his decision. Whatever



ABOVE . . . Lubanski (left) and manager Gmoch before the Polish star's international comeback v. Denmark last May.

tions, but also the crowds. That can be a 30 per cent handicap, I feel.

SHOOT: Did you notice any significant changes in the South American style last summer?

DEYNA: We shall have to beware of their use of the wings. This, along with their unquestionable competence on their own grounds, will be hard to conquer.

SHOOT: How do you see the fans reacting?

DEYNA: South American supporters are notorious for their unity during World Cups, but in Argentina there are many people of European extraction. We found we were rather popular when we toured there. Apparently, Poland impressed the South Americans when we beat Argentina in West Germany . . . they liked our correct, fair play. Also, our victory over Italy paved the way for Argentina to progress to the later stages in the World Cup. Either

way, Poland have a good record of wins to the accompaniment of unfriendly crowds, so on balance there is nothing for us to worry about.

SHOOT: Who do you think will win the World Cup?

DEYNA: My favourites are Brazil, Argentina and Holland. No, not West Germany and that's not just because we play them in our group. I'm not convinced the Germans will make such an impact, but they may prove me wrong. In football, the ball is round and you never know!

SHOOT: And Scotland?

DEYNA: They have many first-class players and tremendous potential. They are tough to beat and will be a problem for any team. Scotland could even thwart the ambitions of the best. Let's wait and see.

SHOOT: And after the World Cup — what then for Kazimierz Deyna?

DEYNA: Argentina will be the final step in my career as an international. Afterwards, I'll play for Legia Warsaw only. I have represented my country on 92 occasions and hope to join the 100 Club in Argentina. It is our ambition to repeat our success of 1974 and I'm sure we'll be properly equipped for the task.

● Interview by Bogdan Banka.



ABOVE . . . Hafner scores for East Germany and Poland are on their way to losing their Olympic crown.

may have prompted it, he is a player I hold in the highest esteem.

SHOOT: No Beckenbauer, probably no Cruyff — will there be a lack of superstars in Argentina?

DEYNA: I don't know, really, but without this pair I must admit I find it hard to single out a superstar, as you say, from the sizeable group of very capable players.

SHOOT: Poland toured South America last year — you had some good results and some bad ones.

DEYNA: True, we lost to Brazil and Argentina, but beat Peru and Bolivia. Mind you, those games were not the World Cup Finals. We went to South America immediately after our League programme had ended and our batteries were running low. Even so, I'm sure the experience of last year will serve us well in June.

SHOOT: Will it be very difficult for the Europeans in Argentina?

DEYNA: They'll have a very hard nut to crack over there. After all, they'll be playing away from home, not only against the condi-

FOCUS ON JAN TOMASZEWSKI

FULL NAME: Jan Tomaszewski

BIRTHPLACE: Wroclaw

BIRTHDATE: January 9th, 1948

HEIGHT: 6ft 4 ins

WEIGHT: 13st 2lb

MARRIED: Yes, to Ewa

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Gwardia

Wroclaw, Slask Wroclaw, Legia

Warsaw and now LKS Lodz

CAR: Polski Fiat

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Liverpool

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

All opponents are difficult for a

goalkeeper

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Against England at Wembley, 1973

BIGGEST THRILL: My debut for

the national team in 1971 against

West Germany in Warsaw

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

LKS's failure to win the

Championship

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: I've

loved all of them

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza, boeuf

stroganoff

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Relaxing at home watching sports

programmes on T.V.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Brutality

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sports,

quizzes and natural history films

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Abba,

Tom Jones

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS:

Kirk Douglas, Paul Newman,

Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jane Fonda

BEST FRIEND: My wife

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: Ambition, hard work and

self-discipline

BIGGEST DRAGS IN SOCCER:

Injuries and the lack of respect some

opponents have for each other

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 15

Under-23 caps; 56 full caps

PROFESSIONAL AND

PERSONAL AMBITION: To help

Poland achieve a good placing in

Argentina

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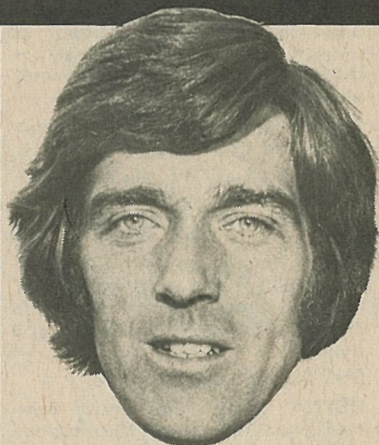
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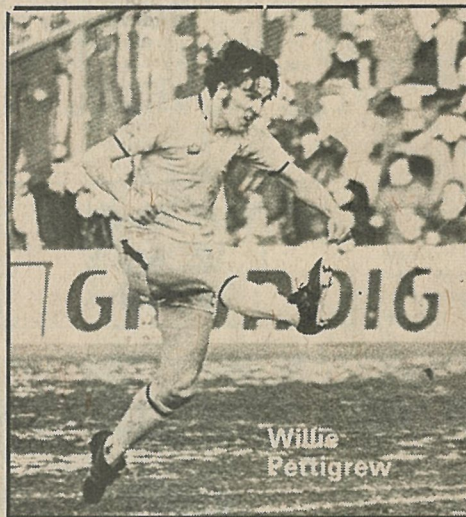


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WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD
WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO
MEET? Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II

MOST DIFFICULT AND



**'WILLIE
PETTIGREW
PUT FOUR PAST
ME IN A GAME'
THOMSON ALLAN
(Dundee)**



THOMSON ALLAN made his international debut for Scotland four years ago in West Germany and the Dundee goalkeeper performed admirably although the Scots went down 2-1.

However, when it comes to naming his most difficult opponent Allan doesn't select one of Helmut Schoen's many superstars. He looks, in fact, at Motherwell and selects the man who has made a lot of goalkeepers' lives a nightmare over the past three seasons.

There is genuine admiration in his voice when Allan talks about the finishing ability of Willie Pettigrew. He says: "He once put four past me in one game and I honestly don't think I had a chance with any of them."

"Until that feat I had always thought my former Dens Park teammate John Duncan, now with Spurs, of course, was the most difficult striker I had ever come up against."

"When John and I met in training

games I knew I was in for a hard time. He was known as our new Alan Gilzean because of his power in the air. But he was no slouch on the deck, either.

"He was unpredictable . . . just like Pettigrew. Sometimes a goalkeeper can force an opposing player in shooting a certain way in a certain direction."

"Watch a good goalkeeper and you'll see what I mean. They come off their line quickly, cut the angle and try to make the striker do what they want him to do. They try to make him go left or right, drag the ball too wide and then by the time the striker knows what is happening the goalkeeper has gone down and saved at his feet."

"It's not that easy with Pettigrew. And I should know!"

"When Pettigrew sniffs a chance he doesn't give you an earthly. Just when you think you have 'read' the situation properly and have figured out what he is going to do, he will do something completely opposite that will baffle you."

"His four goals against me that day three years ago were all different. They didn't follow any set pattern. His job was to get the ball past me and he selected a variety of ways of doing it."

Illustrating what Allan says is Pettigrew's goal in the British Championship match against Wales at Hampden two seasons ago. The ball came through to him about 40 yards out with Welsh defender Joey Jones on his back.

He may have been expected to lay the ball back and then go for the return. Instead, Pettigrew turned and flicked the ball past the desperately lunging Jones and started to sprint

for goal.

He was in the inside-right position and dragging the ball wide as he advanced into the Welsh goalmouth. Keeper Brian Lloyd must have expected either a cross or a shot that would have gone across him. Pettigrew, typically, was thinking otherwise and, as Lloyd went to his right, the ball flashed between him and the near post!

"Yes, that's the way Pettigrew knocks them in," says Allan. "No goalkeeper can look forward to playing against him. My most difficult ground? I don't think I have one although Hampden must be considered a hoodoo ground for me and my Dundee mates so far as the Scottish Cup is concerned."

"We have played Celtic there three times in recent seasons in Semi-Final ties and we have yet to win. In fact, we have yet to score a goal! Happily, when we played them in the League Cup Final there four years ago we triumphed 1-0."

Picked by four Scots



WHEN Newcastle signed Mark McGhee from Morton for £150,000 there must have been a huge sigh of relief from many Scottish defenders . . .

Those are the words of Cappielow captain Davie Hayes, who rates McGhee as one of the trickiest wingers he has ever come up against. He says: "I only faced Mark in training, but even then his class shone through."

"He had real ability and there was no disguising it. He could have been playing out in the street and passers-by would have stopped to watch and applaud."

"I remember when he first came into the team. He had been freed by Bristol City, but just one look at him told us all they had made a mistake. Possibly Mark wanted to prove them wrong and tried harder, but whatever it was he certainly wasn't any free transfer material when we saw him in action."

"He always wanted that ball. Perhaps he overworked the ball on occasions. That may have been misinterpreted as selfishness, but that just isn't Mark's style. Everything he does is for the good of the team."

"Mark can take that ball for a walk when the strain is on the defence. We were all grateful for that ability. He would hold the ball, take the knocks, play it around and wait for support to arrive. A genuine class player and I think Newcastle got themselves a bargain at £150,000."

"I saw him score a goal for them against Middlesbrough at St. James' Park on the television and that, I can assure you, was no fluke. Mark simply wandered into their defence with the ball tied to his foot with defenders all around him and the next time we saw it was when it was in the back of the net."

"He scored lots of goals like that for Morton and I am positive he will score similar ones for Newcastle."

"There are a lot of wingers who can make life a misery when they get into their stride. Paul Wilson, of Celtic, for example, is one of the most unpredictable players I have ever faced."

"You just don't know what he is

'HIBS' ARTHUR DUNCAN IS A SPEED MERCHANT' DAVIE HAYES (Morton)

going to do next. He can go left or right and sometimes he tries to go right through you. Like I said, very unpredictable!"

"His Celtic colleague Bobby Lennox is another winger who can be devastating on his day. Bobby has lost none of his fantastic speed. We played the Parkhead men in a friendly in Greenock this season and everyone was talking about wee Bobby afterwards."

"We honestly didn't think he still had that incredible pace. He was pushing balls past our defenders, giving them six yards of a start . . . and still getting to the ball before us!"

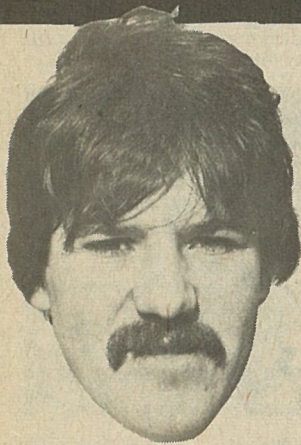
"Over at Ibrox, Davie Cooper seems to be settling in fairly well. I played against him when he was with Clydebank and, again, you couldn't fail to be impressed by his speed or skill."

"And I can't miss out Hibs' Arthur Duncan. He is another speed merchant. Once he gets away from you all you see is the dust."

"Tight grounds such as Berwick, Montrose and Alloa — are always difficult to play on and I prefer pitches such as Pittodrie and Parkhead where you get more space to go on the overlap."



OPPONENTS— GROUNDS



**'DANNY
McGRAIN
KEEPS YOU ON
YOUR TOES'
MALCOLM
ROBERTSON
(Hearts)**

THERE aren't many forwards around who can enjoy their tussles with Danny McGrain, the cultured Celtic right-back who was being hailed as the best in the world in that position before his injury this season.

McGrain never appears to lose his composure, but there have been two players who have noticeably given him problems. One is Arthur Graham, the former Aberdeen outside-left who joined Leeds United for over £100,000 this season.

Graham's duels against McGrain were classics in front of thousands of fans. Last season's League Cup Final between the Parkhead men and the Pittodrie side provided a clash within a clash when McGrain and Graham had their private duel.

Another outside-left who has had some brilliant confrontations with McGrain, but on a different setting, is Hearts' fast raiding Malcolm Robertson.

"You can always expect a good, clean, sporting contest against Danny," says Robertson. "He is hard, but fair and that is okay by me."

"It's always an interesting challenge facing him. He keeps you on your toes for the entire 90 minutes. As well as you attacking him, he attacks you. There's never a minute's rest."

"One of the highlights of my career so far was when I was with Ayr United

and we were fighting against relegation.

"One of our last matches of the season was at Parkhead and no one really expected us to do well. We went there looking for two points, and, I'm glad to say, we rocked everyone by getting them."

"It was a marvellous experience beating Celtic, who were then Champions, at Parkhead, but it was even better for me because I scored our two goals in a 2-1 victory and the critics gave me rave notices."

"That may have brought me into the headlines and got me the move I wanted so much to Tynecastle. I had never hidden my admiration for Hearts. I had always wanted to join them. In fact, you could say I was Hearts daft and when I heard they were coming for me I was absolutely overwhelmed and overjoyed."

"I don't know how much that game against Celtic had to do with my eventual move to Edinburgh, but it will always be one of the games that will stick out in my mind."

"I only hope Danny gets back to peak fitness soon. I'm certain Hearts will be back in the Premier Division next season and I'm looking forward to resuming our old rivalry."

"My most difficult ground? Every one outside the Premier! No, honestly, I won't be content until Hearts are back in their rightful place in the Top Ten and playing on Premier grounds."



**Danny
McGrain**

**'RONNIE GLAVIN
HAS A RIGHT
FOOT SHOT LIKE
A HOWITZER'
ALAN ROUGH
(Partick Thistle)**



Ronnie Glavin

CELTIC'S midfield powerhouse, Ronnie Glavin, must be a bit of a clairvoyant. Seven years ago a SHOOT! reporter asked him to nominate his top goalkeeper in Scotland and Glavin, who was then with Partick Thistle, didn't hesitate.

"It must be Alan Rough," he said. "I don't think he realises just how good he is. Once he settles down, gets experience behind him and starts to believe in his own ability the sky is the limit. He'll play for Scotland one day. I'm certain of that."

Glavin's prediction has come true, of course. The big, blond Partick Thistle personality will be the man in charge of guarding Scotland's goal in the World Cup Finals in Argentina in four months time.

Rough has met some of the best strikers in the world today, but he repays Glavin the compliment by saying: "Ronnie has got to be one of the best players I have ever faced."

"Okay, I know, people might think this is an old pals' act, but I can assure you I mean it. I have always admired Ronnie. He is the type of player who puts the accent on skill and that's good enough for me."

"We have had some good clashes



in the past. When we go out on that field all friendship is forgotten for 90 minutes. And that's exactly the way it should be."

"I remember a couple of games against Celtic last year when Ronnie was facing me. In a game at Parkhead there wasn't that long to go and we were drawing 0-0."

"I had been playing fairly well, or so the critics said afterwards, and I thought we were in with a definite chance of getting a point. Anyway, Celtic were awarded a free-kick about 25 yards out and I know from the past that's the range Ronnie likes."

"He's got a right foot shot like a howitzer. Some people call it 'Big Bertha' . . . I just call it a nuisance when I am on the receiving end!"

"Ronnie shaped to take it and I was tense waiting for the explosion. He hit it through our defensive wall, I went to my right and just when I thought I was going to hold it, someone deflected it away from me!"

"Boy, was I sick. We eventually lost 2-0. Then there was a game at Firhill where Celtic were awarded a penalty-kick. I knew Ronnie would be taking it and I had a fair idea he might hit it to my right."

"Actually, it's difficult to guess where Ronnie is going to hit it because he varies his routine. This time, however, I decided he would be hitting low to the right."

"Again I waited as he started his run up. Just as he connected I took off for my right. I had guessed right, but I had absolutely no chance as the ball tore past me. If there hadn't been a net there it might still be travelling today!"

"Yes, Ronnie can always make life difficult. So, too, can his Old Firm rival Derek Johnstone, of Rangers. He is brilliant in the air and for a big man he is very nimble on the ground. Some people say his best position is centre-half. I bet a lot of goalkeepers would be delighted if he adopted that defensive role!"

"Parkhead and Ibrox are always difficult grounds upon which to pick up points, but one ground I definitely don't like playing on is Clyde's Shawfield. There never seems to be any atmosphere and that can be very distracting."

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Spot the five deliberate mistakes in the following: "Tony Curry had a brief spell on the books of Queens Park Rangers and Chelsea as a schoolboy before signing as an apprentice at Walsall. He moved to Sheffield Wednesday in February, 1968, for around £26,500. Leeds bought the dark-haired midfielder in

June, 1976, for an estimated £250,000. Tony has been playing superbly this season and was recently included in Ron Greenwood's original full England squad for the friendly international against West Germany."

2. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of one of the

managers of a World Cup Final qualifiers
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3. Study the photograph, taken before England and Northern Ireland met in 1976, and try to answer the following questions about the game: (a) Who are the two international stars leading out their sides, (b) where was the game played and (c) what was the final result?

4. Wales Under-21 side beat Scotland Under-21 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 at Chester recently?

5. Bradford City splashed out a club record for two players on the same day. David McNiven and Mick Wood moved to Valley Parade from which clubs?

6. Can you identify the player who began his career with Chelsea before he had a spell in America. He returned to play for Millwall on loan and has starred for Brentford this term.

7. On Saturday, February 11th, the pools panel were called in. How many of the five Scottish

Premier Division games were called off?

8. Stoke City, managerless since George Eastham was sacked, recently appointed a new boss. Who?

9. West Brom's Cyrille Regis turned down a chance to play for which country in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina?

10. Manchester United's recent signing from Leeds United for £450,000, Gordon McQueen, began his career in Scotland with which club?



1. (a) It should be Currie, (b) he signed for Watford, (c) he moved to Sheffield United, (d) he's blond, (e) he was included in the 8 side 2 Claudio Coutinho (Brazil), 3. (a) England's Gerry Francis, and Pat Jennings of Northern Ireland, (b) Wembley, (c) England won 4-0, 4-1-0, 5. Leeds and Blackburn, 6. Tommy Baldwin, 7. All five of them, 8. Alan Durban, 9. France, 10. St. Mirren.

ANSWERS:

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Play, (3) Sincil, (7) Nat, (8) Ashton, (11) Five, (13) Drive, (15) Doors, (18) Alex, (19) Ochilview, (22) Need, (23) Ace, (24) Up, (25) Gets, (26) Of, (28) Skid, (29) Are, (30) Stoke, (32) Step, (33) Iran.

DOWN:— (1) Pea, (2) Ash, (3) Sand, (4) It, (5) Clive Walker, (6) Lee, (9) Stockport, (10) Tiring, (11) File, (12) Vex, (14) Raids, (15) Do, (16) Oh, (17) Sleeps, (20) Vet, (21) Tendon, (27) Fee, (28) Ski, (29) As, (31) To.

Jumbled Name: TREVOR CHERRY.

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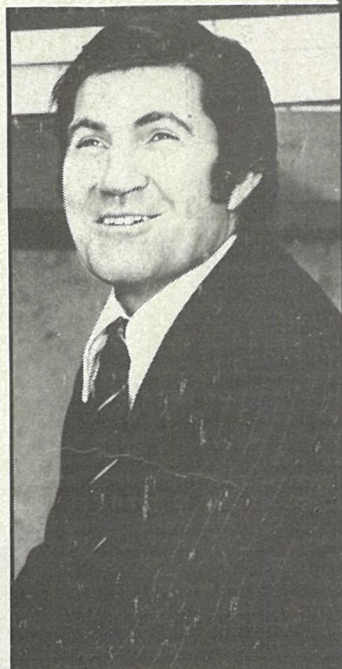
compiled by John Pyke

PARTICK THISTLE

PARTICK THISTLE have been as high as second in the Scottish Premier Division this season. But with Rangers and Aberdeen now pulling away from them Partick's main hope now rests in gaining a final position high enough to qualify for a place in the 1978-79 U.E.F.A. Cup competition.

Thistle manager Bertie Auld (right), who had such a long and fine playing career including a European Cup winner's medal with Celtic in 1967, has also proved himself as a manager. In October, 1977, Bertie parted with the record transfer fee for Partick when he paid Rangers £25,000 for the young versatile Ibrox star Alex O'Hara.

O'Hara soon settled in at Thistle, and after scoring the winner in a League game at Ayr United, followed it up with a hat-trick against the Somerset Park team when they played at Partick at the end of December.



GROUND: Firhill Park.
SIZE OF PITCH: 110 x 71 yards.
TELEPHONE No: 041-946 2673
NICKNAME: 'The Jags'.

COLOURS: Red and yellow shirts, broad vertical stripes, black shorts, red socks with black and yellow tops.



ABOVE . . . Doug Somner (stripes) scores Thistle's only and winning goal v. Celtic in October. **LEFT . . .** striker Jim Melrose. **RIGHT . . .** Scotland international goalkeeper Alan Rough.

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. Figures are for the 1977-78 season up to the end of December, 1977)

ANDY ANDERSON: Defender signed from Sighthill Y.C. in 1970. Usually seen as a central defender or sweeper and is one of the most consistent players in Scotland. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— 13 and 1 sub. G:— 1.

JACKIE CAMPBELL: Long-serving defender signed from Greengairs United in 1964. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— 12 and 4 sub.

JOHN CRAIG: Fine midfield player signed from Aberdeen in 1975. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 9.3. L. App:— 18.

IAN GIBSON: Midfielder signed from Coltness United in 1974. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 19. G:— 3.

JOHN HANSEN: Brother of Alan Hansen, who was a teammate at Firhill until his transfer to Liverpool. John has two full

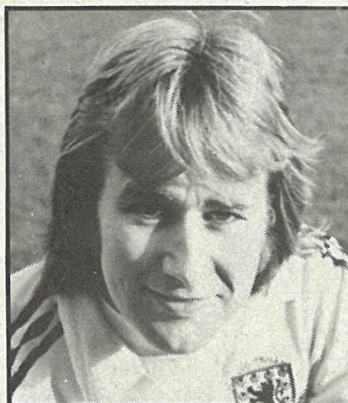
Scottish caps, both won when Tommy Docherty was Scotland's team manager. Started his career as a full-back, but now plays in midfield. A member of the Partick team that won the 1971 League Cup. Born Alloa. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.13. L. App:— 3.

BOBBY HOUSTON: A very versatile player who is a Scottish Under-23 cap, part-time footballer with a lot of talent. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 15 and 4 sub. G:— 5.

ALISTAIR LOVE: Midfielder signed from Newport County in 1976. He had also played for West Bromwich Albion and Southend United. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.0. L. App:— 8 and 3 sub. G:— 2.

DENIS McQUADE: Midfielder signed from St. Roch's in 1970. Very consistent player who never lets Thistle down. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 1 and 4 sub.

GEORGE MACKIE: Midfielder signed from Dundee in 1976. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— 16 and 1 sub.



JOHN MARR: Defender or midfielder signed from Petershill in 1975. Played most of his 32 Scottish League games in a central defensive position during 1976-77. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 18.

RECORD VICTORY: 16-0 v Royal Albert, Scottish Cup, First Round, January 17th, 1931.

RECORD DEFEAT: 1-10 v Dunfermline Athletic, Division One, 1958-59.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON: 56 in Scottish Division Two, 1970-71.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON: 41 by Alec Hair in Division One, 1926-27.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

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JIM MELROSE: Striker signed from Eastercraigs in 1975. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 9.0. L. App:— 17 and 1 sub. G:— 3.

ALAN ROUGH: Goalkeeper signed from Sighthill in 1969. Partick's most famous player. Goalkeeper who is the current first choice for Scotland and looks certain to go to Argentina for the 1978 World Cup Finals. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— 19.

DOUG SOMNER: Striker signed from Ayr United in 1974. Doug has been top scorer for Thistle in the past two seasons and is once again leading scorer. Came from Ayr as a midfielder but is now one of the best strikers in Scotland. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 18. G:— 9.

BILLY THOMSON: Reserve goalkeeper signed from Glasgow United in 1975. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.0.

BRIAN WHITTAKER: Defender signed from Sighthill in 1974. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 19.

PARTICK THISTLE



BACK ROW (left to right): Donnie McKinnon (trainer), John Marr, Brian Whittaker, Bobby Houston.
MIDDLE ROW: Denis McQuade, Jackie Campbell, Alan Rough, Doug Somner, Alex O'Hara.
FRONT ROW: Jim Melrose, John Craig, George Mackie, Ian Gibson.

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